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Hijacked airliner returns to Kuwait

KUWAIT, July 25 (AP) — A Kuwait airliner with 41 persons aboard and hijacked by two Jordanians demanding \$750,000 landed here for the third time in 24 hours Friday, Kuwait radio reported. The blue and white Boeing 737 of Kuwait Airlines returned to its home base after leaving to fly 60 miles to Abadan in Iran, across the top of the Persian Gulf. The hijackers left Abadan after nearly seven hours and headed north for Tehran. Then were forced to fly back to Kuwait after the Iranian authorities closed Tehran Airport to prevent the plane from landing, the official Pars Iranian News Agency reported.

The Boeing 737 airliner with 43 passengers and crew aboard spent about seven hours at Abadan where it landed at dawn Friday after being hijacked Thursday night while on a flight from Beirut to Kuwait. The radio said two of the passengers were released at Abadan for feeling ill, leaving 37 passengers and four crew aboard.

Kuwait's director general of security, Col. Muhammad Kabandi, announced Thursday night that the hijackers were two Jordanian brothers, Yousef and Khalaf Ahmed-Moufleh.

Second Palestinian dies in Israeli jail

TEL AVIV, July 25 (Agencies) — A second Palestinian prisoner from an Israeli prison died Thursday in hospital after being forcibly fed, prison sources said. Kassam Mahmoud Halawe, had been hospitalized Thursday with two other prisoners for lung infections.

In a radio interview Israel's commissioner of prisons, Haim Levy, said the prisoners died during force-feeding when food being pumped into their mouth went into their lungs.

A third prisoner is reported to be in serious condition. The three were among 78 political prisoners who went on hunger strike at the Nafha prison in the Negev Desert demanding better conditions. The prison was opened two months ago to hold long-term political prisoners.

Alli Muhammad Shehade Jaabari died Tuesday of what officials said at first was pneumonia. However, David Zilberman, spokesman for the Israeli prison system said in a telephone interview that Jaabari and two other hospitalized prisoners contracted lung infections after food being fed to them through a tube entered their lungs.

Prisoners at the jail in the Negev Desert complained about overcrowded cells without beds and a shortage of exercise.

They demanded equality with Israeli prisoners, who themselves have been described as enduring some of the worst prison conditions in the Western world.

An official of Israel's Interior Ministry told Israel radio: "the deaths were accidents. We force-feed them because it would be

inhumane to let them die." Israeli lawyer Lea Tsemel charged at an impromptu press conference that medical orderlies beat the hunger strikers. She said 49 Palestinians still in Nafha were all on hunger strike and that some 30 others had been transferred.

The mother of one of the hunger strikers said: "The prisoners were told by guards they were going to die anyway so they decided to die this way."

A spokesman for the Palestine commando movement, Majed Abu Sharar, told reporters in Beirut: "The Nafha prison crime which caused the death of two of our nationals and threatens scores of others should prompt international organizations to resist openly Israeli Fascism and seek to save the lives of Palestinian freedom-fighters in jail."

Meanwhile 15 Palestinian women went on hunger strike Friday in sympathy with a hunger strike staged by their sons in Israel's top-security Nafha jail, Palestinian sources said.

The mothers began their protest in the East Jerusalem Red Cross office and told reporters they would fast until their sons' demands were met. Some carried placards calling on Israel to "stop the Mass Killing."

Women and small children charged up Abu Sina street urging shops to close. Mounted police then arrived along with jeeps of riot police carrying machine guns.

The police arrested about 10 women. The demonstration died down although most of the shops in the area remained closed.

A Red Cross delegation visited the prison, but in keeping with Red Cross tradition of silence, no information was released.

Britain attempts new effort on links Hurd in Jeddah today for talks

LONDON, July 25 (R) — Britain is sending Foreign Office Minister Douglas Hurd to Jeddah Saturday for talks aimed at improving relations with Saudi Arabia, the foreign office announced Friday.

These deteriorated sharply in April with the screening here of a British television film called "The Death of a Princess."

The Saudi Arabian authorities asked Britain to prevent the film from being shown. But when the British government said it could not interfere with "press and broadcasting freedom," Saudi Arabia asked for the withdrawal of the British Ambassador in Jeddah, James Craig. He returned to London in early May.

British ministers have expressed regret that the film was shown and strongly criticized it. The spokesman said Britain hoped that the visit by Hurd, a minister of state, would help in "restoring our bilateral relations to their former excellent level."

Hurd, during his talks with foreign minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal, is also expected to discuss Gulf and Afghanistan developments and the Arab-Israeli dispute.

There are no plans yet for Craig to return to Jeddah or for Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington to visit Saudi Arabia for talks.

Hurd will be in Jeddah from Saturday until July 28.

His talks are also expected to cover trade and consular aspects of Anglo-Saudi relations. The Kingdom is a big market for British commercial and arms exports. British businessmen were concerned that trade and economic development contracts might be affected by the strained Anglo-Saudi relations.

There are about 20,000 subjects working in the Kingdom and British exports to Saudi Arabia have been running at about one billion sterling (about \$2.4 billion) annually.

Hurd will also be able to explain to Saudi Arabian ministers aspects of the recent European Common Market's Venice summit declaration on the Middle East.

Europe, America disagree on 'how' to achieve peace

UNITED NATIONS, July 25 (Agencies) — Western Europe and the United States, in the U.N. General Assembly's emergency session on Palestine, disagreed Thursday over the best way to achieve peace in the Middle East. But both criticized an impending resolution for Palestinian statehood.

Luxembourg's Foreign Minister Gaston Thorn, speaking for the nine European Community countries, said they were promoting a settlement negotiated with the Palestine Liberation Organization's participation.

He said the settlement should provide "legitimate rights" for the Palestinians and security for Israel and all other Middle Eastern states.

Ambassador William Van Den Heuvel, U.S. deputy chief U.N. delegate, said the United States would persist in pushing the post-Camp David talks between Egypt and Israel and wanted "the participation of the Palestinian people, as well as other Arabs." He did not mention the PLO.

Asked later about the Europeans' initiative, he said, "we believe that the process we have undertaken is the way to go. We believe that they will learn that." Van Den Heuvel had told the assembly the United States would not abandon the Camp David process for "declarations that offer nothing but the illusion of progress."

Lebanese Ambassador Ghassan Tuani said the United Nations "should be entrusted to use all available means to establish the legitimate, independent Palestinian state and to yield it" to the PLO.

Tuani called for abandonment of "all policies aimed at tempting the Palestinian diaspora with an alternative homeland or authority or with concealed resettlement."

"Continuation of the present situation," he declared, "will lead to a global explosion."

Ugandan Foreign Minister Ouma Allimadi called for "the restoration of the city of Jerusalem to Arab sovereignty and the preservation of its historic religious character."

He said that must be part of any "viable formula" for peace. Deputy Foreign Secretary Miloslav Fesic of Yugoslavia said that in

order to achieve peace in the region Israel should withdraw from all 1967-occupied territories, recognize the Palestinians' rights to independence and sovereignty, recognize the PLO as their sole representative and recognize the Palestinian refugees' right to return home.

He rejected any partial, separate solution, saying the approach must be global. And he said the United Nations must take effective action to make Israel comply.

Japanese Ambassador Masahiro Nishitani told the Assembly, Japan considered that the Palestine Liberation Organization represents the Palestinian people.

"Thus, in order to advance the cause of peace in the Middle East, Japan believes it essential that Israel and the PLO recognize each other's position, and that the PLO participate in the peace process in the future." Japan takes this occasion to strongly urge all parties directly concerned in this conflict, in the spirit of the United Nations charter, to show courage and follow the path of reason by refraining from the use of force," he said.

He said Japan considered recent moves in the Knesset (Israeli parliament) to annex East Jerusalem and Israel's May 2 expulsion of three West Bank Arab leaders to be "in total violation of the various U.N. resolutions and of widely accepted principles of international law."

Earlier all 21 Arab League members plus several delegates from Communist countries Wednesday walked out as Israeli Ambassador Yehuda Z. Blum rose to speak to the Assembly.

Blum described the emergency session as a "phony event." He called the walkout "childish" and "ridiculous."

Egypt, suspended from the Arab League for its Camp David accords and subsequent peace talks with Israel, was the only Arab country present.

Meanwhile, key nonaligned delegates conferred on final wording of a resolution asking Israel to withdraw from all occupied Arab territories including Jerusalem, and that the United Nations hand the Palestinian territories over to Palestine Liberation Organization.

Beirut newspapers on two-day strike

BEIRUT, July 25 (R) — None of Beirut's 12 daily newspapers were published Friday as part of a two-day protest strike against the killing on Wednesday of the head of the country's Press Association.

Riad Taha, 53, was shot dead by unidentified gunmen in west Beirut along with his driver. He was the second leading Lebanese journalist to be murdered this year. Two correspondents have escaped with gunshot wounds.

Taha is due to be buried Saturday. Newspapers have described his killing as a death blow to press freedom in Lebanon, which has the most politically diverse media in the Arab world.

Judicial sources said they were investigating whether Taha's killing was part of an inter-Shiite Muslim feud, possibly exploited by outside parties.

Egypt warns Begin against Jerusalem

TEL AVIV, July 25 (R) — Egypt will recall its ambassador in Israel if Prime Minister Menachem Begin moves his office to Arab East Jerusalem, Israel radio reported Friday.

Quoting Western sources, the radio said Egyptian President Anwar Sadat viewed Begin's intention to move his office to the eastern sector of the city, which Israel occupied from Jordan in the 1967 war, as a unilateral step of annexation.

Egypt's ambassador in Israel, Saad Mur-tada, said on army radio Friday that he had no official knowledge of President Sadat's intentions.

"I can only say that President Sadat has stated that the peace process will go on," he said.

Last week, a leading aide of Begin, Matiyahu Shmulevitz, said the office would be moved to East Jerusalem within a month. This was the first official confirmation that Begin had decided on the move.

The Israeli Knesset (parliament) Thursday heard the controversial Jerusalem bill on its first reading. The bill declares Jerusalem the united, indivisible and eternal capital of Israel.

The bill was sent back to committee and Knesset sources said it was highly unlikely that it could be brought for a second and third reading and become law before the summer recess, which begins next Thursday.

The U.S. regarded moving the prime

minister's office to East Jerusalem as an unnecessary provocation to Egypt and the Western world and an obstacle to peace.

On Thursday, U.S. Ambassador Samuel Lewis visited Begin, who is recovering at home in Jerusalem from a mild heart attack, and Israeli newspapers said Lewis expressed American objections to the proposed move. U.S. officials would not discuss details of the meeting.

Afghan minister killed in Kabul

ISLAMABAD, July 25 (R) — Afghanistan's deputy minister for higher education, Mohammad Wali Yasufi was shot dead in Kabul by unknown assailants last Sunday, according to Western diplomats in the Afghan capital.

Radio Kabul announced this week the minister had died but it did not give the circumstances of his death.

The reports from the diplomats in Kabul which reached neighboring Pakistan Friday said his death coincided with president Babrak Karmal's efforts to strengthen his hold on the ruling People's Democratic (Communist) Party.

Factional rivalry has weakened his power with the help of Soviet troops in December last year.

Meanwhile Egypt has voiced deep concern about the Israeli move, but said it would continue talks with Begin's government.

"We are observing the situation very closely and view it with utmost concern and caution," Hassan Ali said after a two-hour cabinet meeting in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria.

Only two months ago Egyptian President Anwar Sadat suspended talks with Israel on Palestinian autonomy in protest against the presentation of the bill in the Knesset and Israel's policy of building Jewish settlements on occupied Palestinian land.

Egypt only agreed to resume the talks under pressure from President Carter and the Knesset's action Thursday presented Cairo with the decision of whether to suspend the negotiations again and endanger the whole Middle East peace drive.

Un Avenet, of the small leftist Sheli Party, warned against "a holocaust and a war with 800 million Arabs. The law will be a stab in the face of President Sadat and will torpedo the peace negotiations," he added.

U.S. warns of dangers

French nuclear aid to Iraq unopposed

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — The United States will not oppose a French nuclear reactor sale to Iraq, provided that the sale does not increase the risk of nuclear weapons proliferation, sources in the administration of President Jimmy Carter say.

The sources, asking not to be identified, said the United States is seeking clarification from the French about the terms of safeguards the French will impose on the fuel. The United States hopes that the French will ship the fuel in quantities too small to manufacture bombs. It also would like the French to keep physical control of the fuel after it has been used in the reactor rather than allowing it to be stored in Iraq.

The goal is to prevent stockpiling of dangerous material and to allow Israeli fears that Iraq would repudiate the non-proliferation treaty and manufacture a bomb. Meanwhile Iraq appealed to the Arab world for support against the Israeli campaign to block its nuclear program.

Acting Foreign Minister Tayeb Abdul-Karim called in Arab envoys in Baghdad and asked their countries for political and diplomatic action to counter the Israeli efforts, the official Iraqi News Agency said.

Dollar firms; gold at \$652

LONDON, July 25 (AP) — The dollar firmed against most major European currencies in early trading Friday, while the gold price again moved sharply ahead.

Gold was traded in London at \$652.50 an ounce in both London and Zurich, Europe's biggest bullion markets. This represented a rise of more than \$10 an ounce from Thursday closing price.

Dealers said the gold market was stimulated by higher overnight closing prices in New York. Gold, however, showed similar rises in Thursday's early trading before falling back at the close.

One London dealer said the market lacked any fresh influential political or economic news and prices for the rest of the day might simply reflect pre-weekend book-squaring and possibly some cautionary profit-taking.

In Hong Kong, gold closed Friday at \$647.60 an ounce, a sharp rise from Thursday's closing of \$630.42.

In Tokyo, where trading ends before it begins in Europe, the dollars rose for the sixth straight day against the Japanese yen. It closed Friday at 224.90 yen, up from Thursday's finish of 223.70 yen, and 5.70 yen higher than last Friday's close.

The dollar was pushed up by purchases by Japanese trading houses, oil refiners and travel agencies, market sources said.

The Bank of Japan apparently intervened by selling an estimated \$40-50 million to prop up the yen, sources said.

The dollar firmed against the British pound Friday. The pound was traded at \$2.3945, compared with Thursday's close of 2.3990.

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Public transport growth noted

TAIF, July 25 (SPA) — The Saudi Arabian Public Transport Company carried 31 million passengers inside the cities of Jeddah, Mecca, Medina, Taif, Riyadh and the Eastern Province during its first year, the communications minister said.

Sheikh Hussain Mansouri, also chairman of SAPTCO's board, said the company's activity during the first year progressed according to the company's plan to provide transportation inside of these cities.

Mansouri said SAPTCO buses helped in improving traffic safety measures on roads by saving more than 280,000 small cars that would have been essential to transporting passengers between the main cities. The air-conditioned inter-city buses operating between Jeddah, Mecca, Taif and Medina — in addition to linking some cities in the Eastern Province — increased to 200 vehicles.

The company will begin communication services in Qasim Region by Sept. 10, he added. SAPTCO is considering extending its



Sheikh Hussain Mansouri

services to include inter-city routes linking Riyadh to Qasim and Medina, Riyadh to the Eastern Province and Taif to Baha, which will eventually reach the Southern Region. Two story airconditioned buses have been

ordered for SAPTCO to operate between Jeddah and Mecca, because of the increased pressure on the bus routes between some cities and Mecca, and especially from Jeddah. The multi-story buses will accommodate 84 passengers. Routes inside Riyadh, Medina and the Eastern Province will be increased shortly, Mansouri said.

He added that motivated by the vitality of SAPTCO's service during the pilgrimage season, the company is undergoing several studies for suitable types of vehicles to be used at that period.

A new type of truck trailers were designed to help solve the communication problem between Arafat, Muzdalifa and Mina for pilgrims. The trailers will seat large numbers of pilgrims. However, more studies and experiments are being made on the vehicles to ensure further improvements.

Mansouri said SAPTCO has drawn an intense program and doubled its efforts during the month of Ramadan. The company is also making preparations for the forthcoming pilgrimage season to ensure sufficient number of buses and administrative system providing suitable services.

SAPTCO is coordinating with all government departments involved in the pilgrimage works and traffic departments in various areas to ascertain best services are provided to pilgrims and citizens.

The minister affirmed the company's attention to training and qualifying programs for Saudi Arabian youth both in administrative and technical aspects. There is a specialist school for training supervisors, drivers and money collectors to improve their scientific and practical qualifications. There are more than 1,000 Saudi Arabian administrative personnel, supervisors, technicians, drivers and money collectors.

Mansouri emphasized the company's care in creating more opportunities for Saudi Arabians to achieve self-sufficiency.



Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi

Annual report reviews aid for welfare

DAMMAM, July 25 (SPA) — The Welfare Society of the Eastern Region spent a total of SR5,059,631 during the last year.

The money was spent in helping poor families, providing health facilities and cultural programs. More than 700 families were given regular incomes over the year.

The society's annual report said its activities covered mosque repairs, aid to the sick and the needy and building a few houses for some poor families. A kindergarten was also built.

Last Wednesday the general assembly of the society was held under Prince Abdul Mohsen ibn Jiluwi, governor of the region. It reviewed the society's activities during the past year and the projects to be undertaken in the new year.

Meanwhile, the Hasa Welfare Society will meet Saturday under Prince Muhammad ibn Fahd ibn Jiluwi, governor, to review the achievements of the last year and decide on goals for the new year.

Civil service board approves date for Imam pay increase

TAIF, July 25 (SPA) — The Civil Service Board recently approved an amendment to its own decree no. 67 of 1978 specifying that remunerations to Imams, Muazzins and teachers at the Haram Mosque receive a pay increase at an earlier retroactive date.

The date is changed from 1-7-1397 A.H., instead of 1-7-1398 A.H., as previously established.

Abdul Rahman Muhammad Al-Sadhan, the board's secretary general, said the board also approved an increase of the monthly remuneration of specialized Holy Koran teachers to SR700 for graduates of the Koran

Foreign ministry project given completion date

RIYADH, July 25 (SPA) — A SR636 million project to house officials of the Foreign Ministry when they move from Jeddah to Riyadh will be ready within 32 months, officials announced.

Construction work on the 390,000 square meter site of the housing project, five kilometers north of Al-Ahja, began last Saturday. A total of 611 housing units of various sizes will be built along with the necessary infrastructure and utilities, including roads, parks, water, sewage, electricity and telephone networks.

The project's contract had been signed earlier this year by Riyadh Governor Prince Salman, also head of the Higher Executive Committee on the Project for Moving the Foreign Ministry and Embassies to Riyadh, with a Korean firm.

prayer times

Saturday	Mecca	Medina	Nejd
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Ishraq	5.57	5.48	5.27
Dhuhr	12.33	12.34	12.07
Asr	3.51	4.01	3.31
Maghreb	7.04	7.10	7.41
Isha	9.04	9.10	8.41

BRIEFS

Islam embraced

TABUK, July 25 — Three Filipinos, including a woman, embraced Islam here before the chief judge of the region. The men work for an electricity company, while the woman serves at the military hospital.

Heat wave hits

RIYADH, July 25 — Temperatures rose to 46 degrees here and could have gone up to 47, but for winds and dust storms, according to official sources. A heat wave also swept Taif, the summer resort, where temperatures rose to 40.

Incentives announced

JEDDAH, July 25 — Jeddah port authorities decided to give generous incentives to importers who cleared their goods as soon as possible. The incentives will be in the

form of exemptions from tariffs, to include as much as 75 per cent of the bill and complete exemption in the case of those clearing their goods immediately.

Society offers rebate

JEDDAH, July 25 — The Islamic Welfare Society announced that regular members will be entitled to a 20 per cent rebate on all their hospital bills. The society, which is building hospitals in various cities said membership fees are SR1500 for an affiliated members and SR2000 for an active one. Needy patients will be treated free of charge.

Exhibitions slated

RIYADH, July 25 — There will be four international exhibitions here next year including one for food and another for construction.



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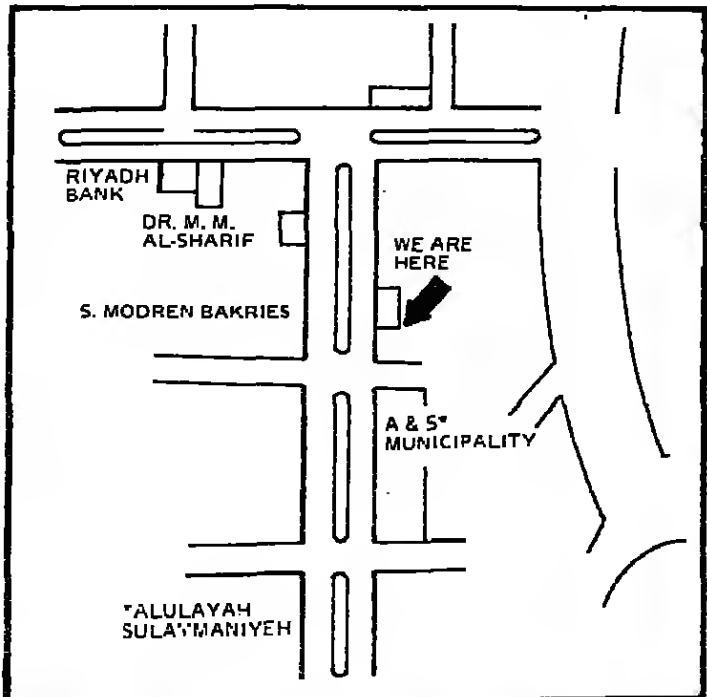
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From government spending

UPM receives boost

DHAHRAN, July 25 (SPA) — Dr. Saleh Abdullah Ba Khreiba, secretary general for the University of Petroleum and Minerals said the government is spending profusely on higher education.

He said one example is the SR1.925 billion for projects falling under Phase IV of UPM's city. In 1977, King Khaled laid down the foundation stone of the initial part of that phase, and since, work is being accomplished according to schedule. At times work is completed ahead of schedule, the official said.

The planned research institute will cover a 30,000 square meter area and consists of six stories. It will be the largest structure at the university and will accommodate 300 scientists. The institute will prepare studies on tests and measures or standardization, petrochemical products, gas technology, energy sources, the environment, water resources, economics, strategies, geology and mineral resources. It will proceed through applied research by mandate from government departments or public sector institutions facing difficulties that call for solutions through scientific research. Moreover, a sum of SR200 million has been allocated in the budget to supply the institute with the necessary equipment and apparatus.

The data center will cover an 8,000 square meter area and will be the first of its kind in Saudi universities. It will contain an IBM 370/158 and an IBM 3033 computers. It will also comprise a part for the temporary headquarters of the industrial administration, a systems engineering section and the nucleus of the electronic universities section.

The systems section has its own lecture halls for the faculty of industrial administration. It also includes classes and offices for systems teaching staff. Dr. Ba Khreiba also referred to a stadium that could accommodate 10,000 spectators at a time. He added that further expansions could let the stadium accommodate 20,000. It could be used for various games according to Olympic standards and is equipped with the necessary radio and colored TV facilities for direct transmission of the events.

The stadium also has an air conditioned rostrum for VIPs. There are also gymnasiums and a physiotherapy center. The stadium will be surrounded by parking lots for 2,000 cars. The stadium is near the royal encampment set up when King Faisal visited Dhahran to inspect work at ARAMCO. The gate of the encampment is still there and the university has renovated it.

The conference center will cover 27,000 square meters and could accommodate 200 delegates at a time in the main hall, in addition to committee rooms and a press center. There are also the environment faculty with several bureaus for the teaching staff, classes, studios and multi-story parking lots for up to 400 cars.

Asphalting pact signed

HASA, July 25 (SPA) — Jafri village complex signed an SR34.4 million contract with a Saudi Arabian company for an asphalt and illumination project. The project calls for asphalt and illuminating the streets of the 17 villages of the complex.

The complex chairman, Issa Ibrahim Al-Shazri, said that the project is to be finished in one year's time and it covers all the streets of the village complex. Among this year's projects is surfacing and improvement project for the entrances to the villages complex.

Lepki meets with Rafie

BEIRUT, July 25 (SPA) — Kirsuan Lepki, secretary general of the Lebanese foreign ministry, conferred with Abu Bakr Rafie, the Saudi charge d'affaires here. Talks dealt with economic relations between Saudi Arabia and Lebanon, the renewal of the mandate of the Arab Deterrent Forces in Lebanon and other issues of common interest.



Prince Miteb

saudi comment

By Ahmed Hamad Al-Yahya
Al Bilad

Last month, when Royal consent was given to set up a Higher Council for Manpower, it was considered the outcome of the important role manpower plays in fortifying the economic and social edifice of the country. Such a decision was taken because the leadership has become convinced that building and developing native manpower is by far the best investment for the country.

The preparation and development of local manpower and their training on skilled jobs would mean a big step forward toward a vast horizon of development and progress, which would enable the people to find a secure living far from the woes of poverty and backwardness.

Contemporary history would, perhaps give us, 'best examples of the capacity of a skilled and productive people who have successfully overcome every hardship and ordeal in their life. Look at the people of Germany, who came out of the Second World War as a defeated and heavily-scarred nation. The city of Dusseldorf was destroyed with no difference to be found between a city and a house. All its industries had been crippled also. But, within a decade after the war, the same city emerged much more beautiful than it ever was. It seemed as though it had never seen a war!

All this was possible due to the capability and the working prowess of its people. The entire skilled population of Dusseldorf rallied together to build their razed city, relying on their own strength and manpower.

We take pride to say that we are treading on the right path, and we pin all our hopes on this Council which would map for us the most suitable strategies and the means of development of native manpower. In this way, we can possess a gigantic productive force to benefit in both our worlds.

Jeddah plant to produce edible oil

JEDDAH, July 25 — The Saudi vegetable oil and Ghee Co. will open for business in August, ushering in the country's first attempt at large-scale production of edible oils, Farouk Luqman reported in Saudi Business magazine.

Managing Director Hamza Bogary said the factory has the best equipment in the East and some of the latest in the world bringing it on a par with the best that Sweden has. Sweden and Swedish experts have had a lot to do with the scheme.

The Swedish company, Agriconsult, was retained by Svok to provide a feasibility study. Agriconsult hired Karlhans Oil Fabrik, also Swedish, a manufacturer of edible oils to assist it. The study, designs, specifications and drawing were prepared, and an international tender was put out, in about three years from the day that 20 Saudi businessmen decided on 1979 to form this company and build the factory.

The shareholders have a major partner in the form of the Saudi Investment Fund which is owned by the government. It is different from the Saudi Industrial Development Fund (SIDF) which helped finance the project to the tune of SR47 million or nearly 50 percent of the total cost, although Bogary said the factory would eventually cost a little more than that. The Sidf took great pains to assess the value of the project and sent out its own experts to Sweden and Holland to study its potentialities, crisis production capacity and almost everything connected with it. Its estimate came close to that of the shareholders and their Swedish consultants. The loan application was approved. The rest of the money came from the partners and the commercial banks.

"This is not going to be a commercial bonanza like some other projects," Bogary said at

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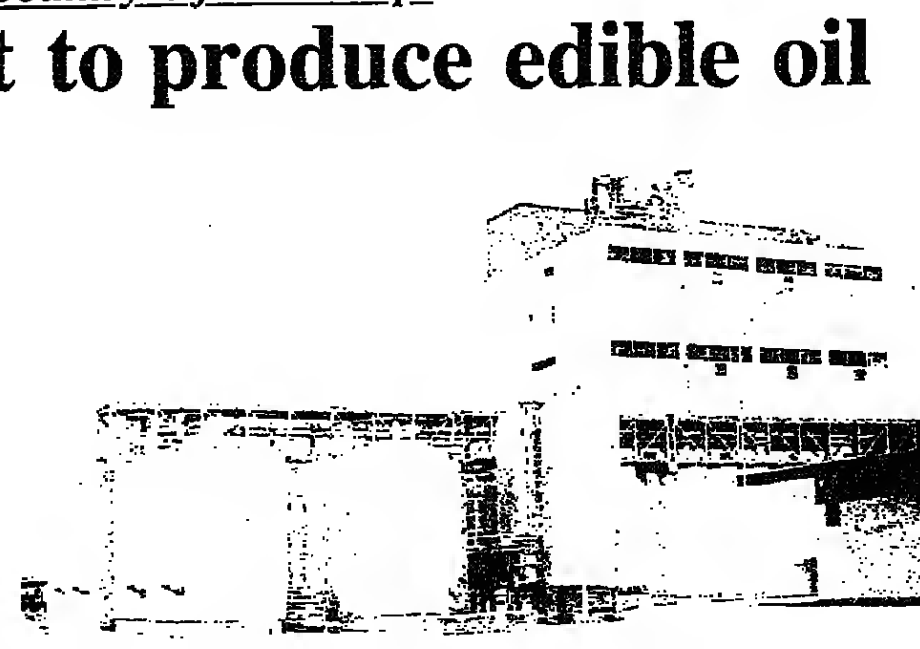
TAIF, July 25 — The director of telephones here said that nearly 70 percent of all houses in this summer resort have been supplied with telephone lines.

Abdul Aziz Al Jabr said this meant that 55,000 houses will have telephone lines and that a special bureau was set up to assess the city's requirements for the future. Apart from being a popular summer resort, Taif is used as a government seat during the summer.

Mosques official visits

ISLAMABAD, July 25 (SPA) — Sheikh Ali Muhammad Mukhtar, deputy secretary general of the world mosques council, met the Saudi Arabian Charge d'Affaires here Nasser Abdul Wahab Filimban Thursday. They reviewed Mukhtar's visit program.

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The company started with a capital of SR40 million. Each shareholder owns 2.4 per

cent of the shares. In addition to the government investment fund, there are 2,600 other shareholders who bought shares at SR100 each.

Even before it started operations the factory is already being expanded to more than double its production capacity. Bogary said the initial capacity was 30,000 tons per year plant oil soybeans and ghee. "As we started installing the machines we decided to rise the capacity to 75,000 tons per year. This should take care of the national consumption of edible oils," he said.

Pakistan exports of sporting goods see huge increase

By Shahid Orakzai

ISLAMABAD, July 25 — Pakistani exports of sporting goods to Saudi Arabia have been increasing rapidly, with 1979 registering the record figure of SR3 million, according to official figures released here.

This year exporters of sports goods hope to set another record since this year's figures already equal those of the last year with industry leaders declaring that Saudi Arabia has become a major market for Pakistani goods.

Traditionally, Pakistan exports tools to the West, including Britain, France, West Germany, the Netherlands, Italy, Belgium, Sweden, Australia and the United States. But with recent expansion and modernization of their plants, the manufacturers have been looking for new markets and Saudi Arabia was a natural choice. Other Middle Eastern countries in the Gulf region have also been buying Pakistani sports goods.

Meanwhile, it was announced here that Saudi Arabia will be the first country in the world to be linked directly by telephone with Pakistan. The international subscriber dialing telephone system is expected to be launched shortly. An official of the telephone company said other countries also will be linked directly with Pakistan in the near future.



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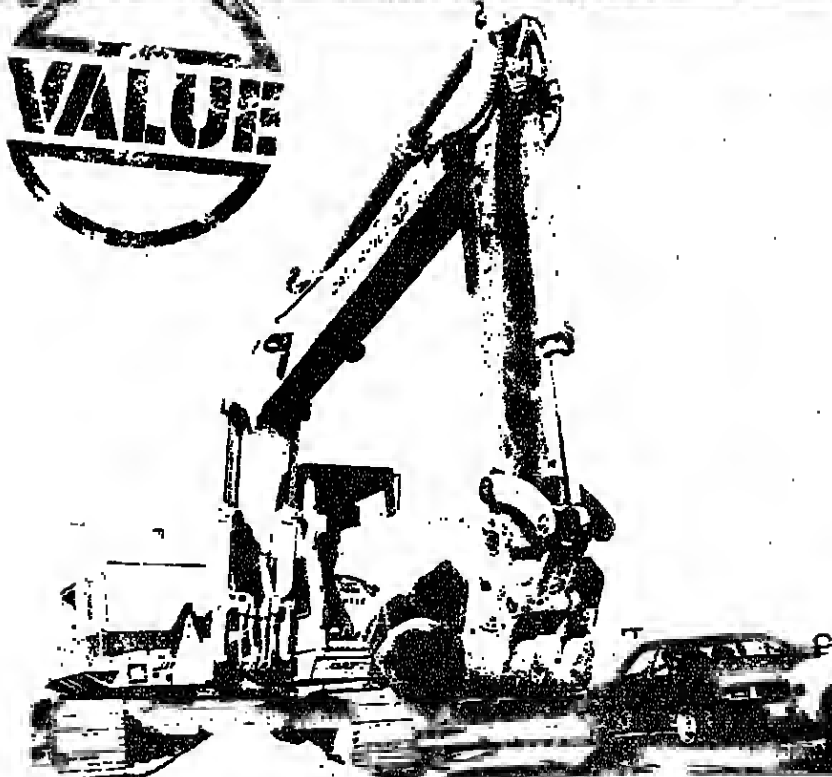
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U.S. for limited French sale of N fuel to Iraq

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — The United States will not try to prevent France from selling nuclear fuel to Iraq, but seeks reassurances that the sale does not increase the risk of nuclear weapons proliferation, U.S. state department sources say. The sources, asking not to be identified, said the United States is seeking clarification from the French about the terms of the sale and the safeguards the French will impose on the fuel. The sale is going forward. The issues are how much fuel and what kind of safeguards," said one official.

Libya, Washington add talks

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — Libya's top diplomat here called Wednesday at the state department, but U.S. officials said the visit was unrelated to Billy Carter's involvement with his government. Ali Houderi, the charge d'affaires, made no comment as he came for talks with Jane Coon, an officer assigned to the Near East Bureau.

Department spokesman John Trattner said it was a routine meeting. Other officials said it stemmed from a meeting last week between Houderi and Harold Saunders, assistant secretary for Near Eastern and South Asian affairs that took place before published

Hussein to discuss M.E. issue in France, W. Germany, Austria

AMMAN, July 25 (AP) — King Hussein and his wife, Queen Noor, will depart next Sunday for a two-week tour of Austria, France and West Germany, official sources said Thursday. They said the king — who had encouraged Europe to play a bigger role in Middle East politics — will meet with French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing, West German chancellor Helmut Schmidt and Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky.

King Hussein is trying to come up with a new Arab plan for peace in the Middle East that will substitute for the Camp David accords and achieve Arab goals in the Israeli occupied territories including East Jerusalem, sources said.

safeguards insisted upon by the French.

The Israeli protests have arisen because the small research reactor, unlike larger commercial reactors, requires a highly enriched kind of uranium to operate, which has a weapons-level concentration of the uranium isotope used in bombs. The United States hopes that the French will ship the fuel in quantities too small to manufacture bombs, the officials said. It would also like the French to keep physical control of the fuel after it has been used in the reactor, rather than allowing it to be stored in Iraq.

Israel has always refused to sign that treaty and many Arab governments assume that it either has nuclear weapons or could develop them very quickly. As a consequence, U.S. state department officials say they are fearful of a nuclear arms race in the region in the 1980's further destabilizing a dangerous situation there.

reports that Billy Carter, president Jimmy Carter's brother, had arranged a session in November between Zbigniew Brzezinski and Houderi.

The White House said on Tuesday that Brzezinski asked Houderi's help in winning the release of American hostages in Iran. Carter, who has registered as an agent for the Libyan government and received a \$220,000 loan, also attended.

On the Billy Carter issue — we are not really centrally involved in that," Trattner said. It is primarily a White House affair. Also the justice department figures in that very prominently.

Jordan welcomed the European Economic Community's recent declaration on the Middle East that called for the Palestine Liberation Organization to be "associated" with Middle East peace talks.

The king is expected to encourage the three countries to pressure Israel to abide by U.N. Security Council resolutions, calling for withdrawal from territories occupied in the 1967 war, the sources said, he also will discuss Arab-European cooperation, they added.

The king and his wife are expected to visit other European capitals before returning to Amman.



ASSASSINATED: Leftist union leader Kemal Turkler of Turkey was shot dead this week by an extreme Muslim underground group. He was the leader of the Maden I a metal workers union that was the largest in the Disk Labor Confederation in Turkey.

U.S. defense to sell Jordan tanks of night-vision sights

WASHINGTON, July 25 (R) — The defense department has announced proposed sale to Jordan of 10 advanced tanks with night vision sights. Congress can block the sale, which is opposed by the Israeli government, within the next 30 days, but congressional aides predicted it would be approved.

The \$160 million sale of M60A3 tanks was the first part of what was expected to be a total sale of 200 tanks administration officials said Tuesday.

They said King Hussein of Jordan was told during a visit here last month that the president would propose the sale of 100 more tanks later if the first half of the deal were approved. The Carter administration originally refused to sell Jordan tanks with sophisticated night-vision devices, but officials said the president changed the decision because of the importance he attached to improving U.S. ties with Jordan and drawing King Hussein into the Middle East peace process.

Spain proposes new plan to solve M.E. problem

MADRID, July 25 (R) — Spain proposed a new Middle Eastern peace plan involving the United Nations Security Council, the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) and an international conference. Foreign Minister Marcelino Oreja outlined the scheme in a speech prepared for delivery to the institute of foreign policy and relations in Vienna and released in Madrid Thursday. Oreja arrived in Austria Thursday for an official visit.

The five-point proposal was: — After preliminary consultations, the U.N. Security Council would be called into session to discuss the Middle East question in all its aspects.

— The council would adopt a new resolution to complement the controversial Middle East resolution 242 in the key area of Palestinian rights.

— The Security Council would recognize the PLO as an interested party in the conflict in its capacity as "sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people."

— Israel and the PLO would pledge to accept the new Security Council resolution, along with resolutions 242 and 338.

— The Security Council would recommend the calling of a diplomatic conference in which would take part, alongside the interested parties, the super powers and those countries capable of making a positive contribution to a Middle East solution.

Oreja said the acceptance of three principles would help the search for peace. The first was the inadmissibility of using force to acquire territory, which implied the withdrawal by Israel from all Arab land occupied in 1967.

This also meant that Israel's policy of settlements and of changing the status of Jerusalem was unacceptable.

But he said the rights of all states in the area to live in peace within secure and recognized frontiers should be recognized and all attempts to destroy Israel abandoned. There should also be recognition of the national rights of the Palestinians, including the right to self-determination in their own country.

Spain is one of the few Western European countries that does not recognize Israel.

Baath committee meets

DAMASCUS (R) — The central committee of the ruling Syrian Arab Baath Socialist Party held its first meeting here Thursday under the chairmanship of President Hafez Assad. The 75-member higher body established by the party's seventh regional congress earlier this year, will discuss the internal regulations and reports submitted by the party leadership on its activities.

Arafat, Castro evaluate S. America, M.E. issues

MANAGUA, Nicaragua, July 25 (AP) — Cuban President Fidel Castro and Palestine Liberation Organization leader Yasser Arafat met secretly to evaluate Latin American and Middle Eastern affairs, an Arab spokesman said. The spokesman who asked not to be identified, said Wednesday the talks took place Tuesday afternoon at the Managua residence where Arafat stayed during a visit here coinciding with the first anniversary of the overthrow of President Anastasio Somoza.

Earlier, spokesmen for the two leaders had denied there was a meeting. Castro and Arafat met alone for two hours, the spokesman said, describing the meeting as "successful." He refused to elaborate beyond saying "it was an evaluation of the general situation in Latin America and the Mideast."

Castro and Arafat were among dozens of Third World and other foreign representatives invited by Nicaragua's ruling five-man junta led by the Sandinista National Liberation Front.

Arafat urged a rally of 500 people Wednesday to be international revolutionaries. We say that to be authentic revolutionaries we have to be revolutionaries not only in

Palestine, but in Latin America, Africa, Asia and in the whole world," he said.

He told the cheering crowd Nicaraguans and Palestinians were united "in one fight against imperialism, colonialism and Zionism" and that Israel was the common enemy of both peoples.

Junta members charged Tuesday that Israel sold arms to Somoza during the fighting against the Sandinistas.

Castro visited a hospital and a shrimp processing plant in the Atlantic seaport of Bluefields, 400 kms east of the capital Tuesday. There were unconfirmed reports that he visited southern Nicaragua Wednesday.

Earlier at a news conference in Nicaragua Arafat said that United States was being blackmailed by Israel during this year's election campaign for presidential candidacy.

Israel 'safety' sought

UNITED NATIONS (AP) — Luxembourg foreign minister Gaston Thorn, speaking for the nine-nation European community, urged the U.N. General Assembly Thursday to include guarantees of Israel's existence in any resolution adopted on Palestinian rights.

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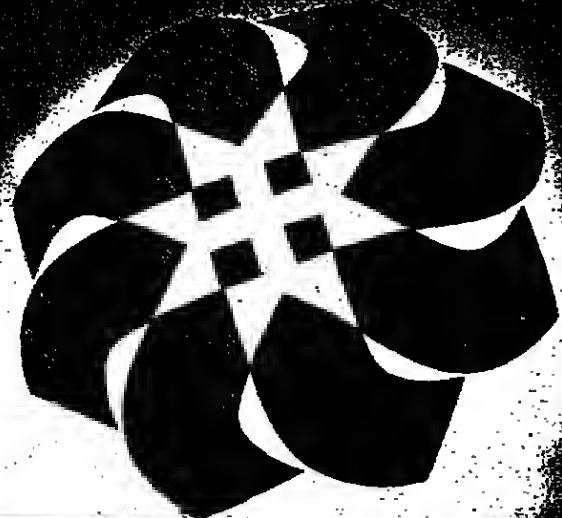
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Comaneci defeated in judging dispute

MOSCOW, July 25 (AP) — Yelena Davydova of the Soviet Union won the women's gymnastics all-around competition at the summer Olympics Thursday night after an unbelievable argument among officials delayed the announcement of a winner for almost 30 minutes.

Davydova was given the gold medal with 79,150 points. Nadia Comaneci of Romania and Maxi Gnauck of East Germany tied for the silver medal at 79,075 each.

The dispute erupted after Comaneci finished her final exercise on the balance beam. She earlier had scored a perfect 10 points on the uneven parallel bars, an apparatus from which she fell Wednesday night in team competition when her Romanian team finished second to the Soviets.

A Soviet spokesman said the dispute concerned the initial refusal of the Romanian head judge, Maria Simionescu, to agree with the decision of four Eastern European judges to award Comaneci 9.85 points for the beam routine. The Romanian official insisted that she be given a score of 9.9 or above.

The dispute was referred to a jury, which upheld the judges' decision. If Comaneci had gotten a perfect 10, she would have won the competition.

The statuesque Romanian won the hearts of the world in the 1976 Olympics when she won three gold medals and became the first Olympic gymnast to score the perfect 10. She paced back and forth beside the mat while the judges argued and the crowd roared.

At one point, Davydova, 18, went up onto the mat and held up her arms to the crowd of mostly Soviet fans. They roared, except for a small group of Romanians which was demonstrating volubly and holding up Romanian flags and banners.

In the men's all-around gymnastics competition Thursday afternoon, Alexander Dityatin of the Soviet Union won the gold medal and became the first male Olympic gymnast to score a perfect mark of 10. Dityatin, the all-around world champion, received his perfect 10 in the vault. In all, five perfect 10 scores were awarded in the men's competition. Judges in men's events traditionally have been more conservative than those in women's competition.

Nikolai Andrianov of the Soviet Union, quadruple gold medal winner in Montreal won the silver medal. Stoyan Deltchev of Bulgaria captured the bronze after scoring a 10 in the vault exercise.

Soviet swimmer Vladimir Salnikov won his third gold medal of these games Thursday night, setting an Olympic record of 3:51 in the men's 400-meter freestyle. He earlier won golds in the 1,500-meters, in which he became the first man to swim the distance in under 15 minutes, and the 800 relay.

East German women continued to dominate their swimming events with two more gold medals and two more 1-2-3 sweeps.

A mostly Soviet crowd at the cycling velodrome cheered when, for the first time in Olympic history, a medals ceremony was held



TRIPLE GOLD: Soviet swimmer Vladimir Salnikov, here on his way to a world record and Olympic gold medal in the 1,500-meter freestyle event this week, won his third Moscow Olympics gold medal Thursday in the 400-meter freestyle. He's also been first in the 800-meter relay.

with no national flags. The medalists in the 4,000-meter individual pursuit cycling event were from Switzerland, France and Denmark, all countries whose Olympic committees decided not to fly their flags or use their anthems in protest of Soviet intervention in Afghanistan.

The Swiss winner of the event, Robert Dill-Bundi, shook his head and broke into tears when the white flags with five Olympic rings went up and the crowd showed its displeasure.

East Germany's swimming machine rolled on.

Caren Metschuk won the 100-meter butterfly event in 1:00.42. Barbara Krause of East Germany won the 100-meter butterfly swim event in Olympic record time of

1:58.33. The old mark was 1:59.26 set by Kornelia Ender of East Germany in 1976. After Thursday's action, the Soviets had won more gold medals than all other nations combined. They had 27 golds and 53 total medals to nine golds and 37 total for East Germany.

In other competition:
Women's Basketball
USSR 119, Italy 53
Yugoslavia 61, Hungary 48
Bulgaria 84, Cuba 64

Soccer
USSR 8, Cuba 0
Venezuela 2, Zambia 1
East Germany 5, Syria 0
Algeria 1, Spain 1.

Borg weds Romanian girl

BUCHAREST, July 25 (AP) — Swedish tennis ace Bjorn Borg and his Romanian bride Mariana Simionescu descended the steps of a city hall under an arch of tennis rackets here Thursday after the first part of their much-publicized wedding.

The civil ceremony, in the bride's home town, was being followed by an Eastern Orthodox religious service at the 19th Century Caldarusani monastery 30 kms. away.

The couple, both 24, have been together for four years, since Mariana gave up her own budding tennis career to be with Borg, who this year won the Wimbledon men's title for the fifth successive year.

Also waiting at the foot of the city hall steps this morning were several dozen photographers, whose attentions delayed the couple for several minutes as they hurried to reach their car amid applause from several thousand spectators.

The tennis rackets were held aloft by 30 young pupils from the Bucharest tennis school. The sun came out as the couple emerged from the city hall.

The bride's witnesses were former football international Radu Nunweiler and his wife Masana, a former Bucharest tennis champion. Borg's were two friends from his Swedish home town of Sodertalje near Stockholm.

Connors shocked in Star tennis

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — Unseeded Pascal Portes of France Thursday shocked top-seeded Jimmy Connors in the \$175,000-dollar Washington Star tennis tournament here. Connors, the third-ranked player in the world, lost 6-4, 7-5, in the round of 16 and was ousted from the tournament. Connors, who won here in 1976 and 1978, was down 5-2 in the second set but held his serve, broke Portes and held again to tie at 5-5. Portes held his service to take a 6-5 edge and then broke Connors for the victory.

Portes moved into Friday's quarterfinal round against Corrado Barazzutti of Italy, a 6-3, 7-5 winner over Andres Gomez of Ecuador.

Baseball Standings

American League				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	40	33	.545	—
Detroit	40	34	.539	8 1/2
Baltimore	32	42	.435	16 1/2
Baltimore	31	43	.419	17 1/2
Cleveland	27	45	.375	21 1/2
Cleveland	26	47	.351	23 1/2
Toronto	20	51	.282	29 1/2
National League				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Kansas City	37	42	.469	—
Los Angeles	36	43	.451	1 1/2
San Diego	35	44	.441	2 1/2
San Diego	34	45	.432	3 1/2
San Diego	33	46	.418	4 1/2
San Diego	32	47	.405	5 1/2
San Diego	31	48	.392	6 1/2
San Diego	30	49	.379	7 1/2

Thursday's Game
Kansas City 12, Chicago 4
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National League				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Pittsburgh	33	41	.444	—
Philadelphia	32	42	.435	1 1/2
Philadelphia	31	43	.419	2 1/2
St. Louis	25	48	.342	7 1/2
St. Louis	24	49	.329	8 1/2
Chicago	23	50	.316	9 1/2
American League				
Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Houston	33	41	.444	—
Los Angeles	31	43	.419	2 1/2
Cincinnati	30	44	.405	3 1/2
San Francisco	27	45	.375	6 1/2
Atlanta	24	48	.333	9 1/2
San Diego	24	48	.333	9 1/2

Thursday's Game
Pittsburgh 7, San Diego 1
Only game scheduled.

Italian star cleared

MILAN, Italy, July 25 (R) — A football league disciplinary committee Thursday cleared Italian international Giancarlo Antognoni of charges in connection with Italy's continuing bribery scandal.

Antognoni, captain of first division side Fiorentina, had been accused of trying to "fix" the result of a match last February against Pescara. The Pescara club, relegated at the end of last season, was also cleared, but its attacker Piergiorgio Negrisola was banned from the game for one year.

Ovett, Coe, Viren advance; Crawford bumped

MOSCOW, July 25 (AP) — Britain's Steve Ovett and Sebastian Coe, who have been duking each other for two years, moved closer to their first Olympic Games confrontation, winning their 800-meter heats Thursday.

But Finland's Lasse Viren, one of history's greatest long-distance runners, showed that age might be catching up with him as he struggled into the 10,000-meter final.

And defending 100-meter champion, Hasely Crawford of Trinidad-Tobago, failed to get past the second round.

The huge crowds — during the afternoon had evening — at warm and muggy, 100,000-seat Lenin Stadium, also witnessed one world record and three Olympic marks in the opening of the blue-ribbon track and field competition.

Nadezhda Tkachenko led a 1-2-3 Soviet sweep in the women's pentathlon final with 5,083 points — the first total ever over 5,000. Olga Rukavishnikova was second with 4,937 and Olga Kuragina third with 4,875. All three bettered Kuragina's previous world

mark of 4,856.

Italy's Maurizio Damilano, one of twin brothers in the 20-kilometer walk, won the disputed event with a time of 1 hour 23 minutes 35.5 seconds, bettering the Olympic best of 1:24:40.6, set four years ago by Daniel Bautista of Mexico.

Muscular Ilona Slupianek of East Germany won the women's shot put with heave of 22.41 meters (73 feet 6 1/4 inches), easily surpassing the mark of 20.16 meters set by Ivanka Christina of Bulgaria.

The third Olympic record fell in the women's javelin when Ute Richter of East Germany heaved the spear 66.66 meters (218-8) in the qualifying. The record was 65.94 meters by Ruth Fuchs of East Germany in 1976.

But it was the placid Coe and the angry Ovett who attracted most of the attention of the enthusiastic, hand-clapping, cheering fans.

The two Britons, bitter enemies, had not faced each other in a race since the 1978 European championships at Prague,

Czechoslovakia. Their only other confrontation was an obscure cross country race years ago when both were teenagers. That drought could end Saturday in the 800 finals — the first of two expected clashes between the world's top middle-distance runners.

Each swept comfortably through the 4,800 heats Thursday — Coe in 1:48.50, Ovett in 1:49.4. They ran at different paces — Ovett in front virtually all the way, Coe charging up in the closing strides to gain his victory.

"The heat went very well," said Coe, holder of the world record at 1:42.4. "It doesn't matter if I was faster or slower someone in another heat," he said, carefully avoiding mention of Ovett's name. "Some heats are fast and some are slow."

The times probably will get much faster in Friday's semifinals. "It will get interesting in the semifinals," said Coe. "These times (in the heats) mean nothing."

They meant nothing because Coe and Ovett obviously were conserving their energy for the final two races in the 800 and their

three races next week in the 1,500, in which they share the world record of 3:32.1. Also slowing them down Thursday was the oppressive heat. The temperature was 86 degrees, and the stadium's tartan turf was even hotter.

Most affected by the weather conditions was 10,000-meter runner John Treacy of Ireland. Treacy, running in fourth place during the first heat of qualifying for Sunday's final, collapsed with about 200 meters remaining.

He was treated at the track's first aid station for dehydration and heat exhaustion and taken back to the Olympic Village. His condition reportedly was not serious.

Treacy's mishap paved the way for Viren, the modern-day "Flying Finn" and winner of Olympic gold medals in the 5,000 and 10,000 in 1972 and 1976, to ensure himself a spot in Sunday's 10,000 final. The struggling Viren was in fifth place when Treacy fell, and because there were two heats remaining, it was uncertain whether he would qualify. The first four finishers in each heat, plus the three fastest losers were to advance.

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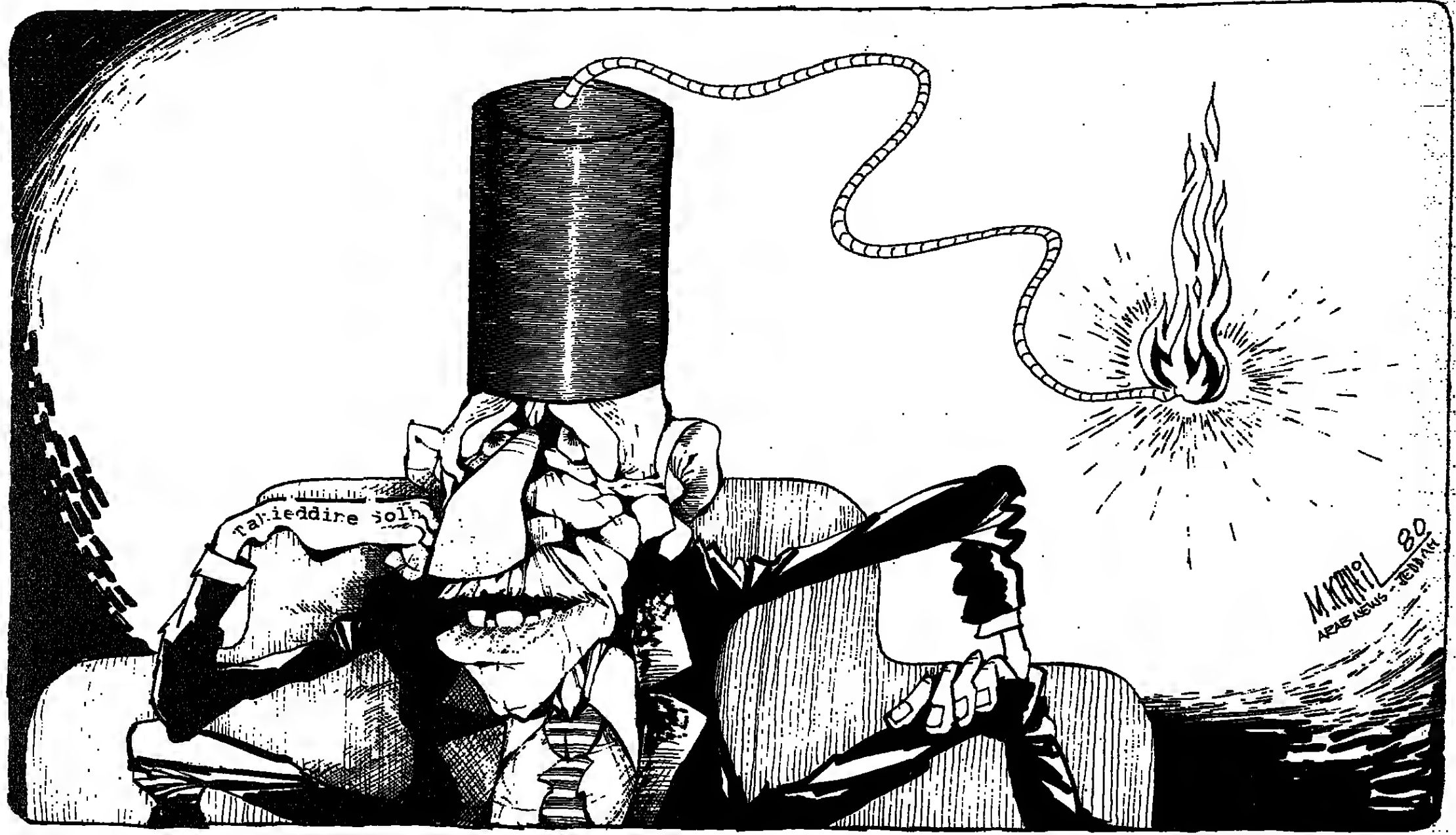
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U.S. now closing net on 'war criminals'

By William Scobie

LOS ANGELES — A 30-year battle over Nazi war criminals living in the United States went into a crucial new round last week as federal agents attempt to return to their Communist-run homelands two former Nazis accused of massacring nearly 800,000 Jews, Serbs, Gypsies and other minorities.

The two — Andrew Artukovic and Mike Pasker — head a list of more than 250 alleged war criminals in the U.S. accused by Jewish organization of collective responsibility for the deaths of some two million people.

Artukovic was called 'The Balkan Butcher' during his reign as No. 2 in the puppet regime of Nazi-occupied Yugoslavia. To neighbors at his seaside California home today he's known as a portly, mild-mannered 80-year-old in failing health.

On Wednesday (July 23) — in a test case which could have a far-reaching effect — the Justice Department's Office of Special Investigations (OSI) has asked immigration authorities to kick Artukovic out of the country immediately. He would be deported to Yugoslavia to face trial and possible execution.

The Yugoslavs have demanded his extradition since 1952, when Jewish leaders first charged that as minister of the interior in the short-lived 'Republic of Croatia' in 1941-42, he ran a network of 24 concentration camps in which 770,000 people, many after torture by Artukovic's Utashi secret police.

Testimony at the Eichmann trial linked Artukovic's name to programs in which whole villages were wiped out. The OSI's court brief says: 'He carried out a systematic and barbaric policy of genocide.'

At the same time, the OSI seeks to deport Pasker (real name: Mieczyslaw Paskevicius), 79, who fled to Florida last month after his beachfront apartment block in Santa Monica, California, was picketed, shot at and finally bombed by Jewish militants. As a top Lithuanian secret police officer, Pasker — according to testimony gathered by the OSI from death camp survivors — helped the Nazis herd 12,000 Lithuanian Jews into one central ghetto, and later supervised their massacre.

Both men say they are innocent. Artukovic calls the charges 'a Communist plot.' Pasker said last week: 'I was a simple police officer. I killed no one.' Both have done well in the U.S. The Artukovic family runs a flourishing construction business with some of the biggest sewer-building contracts in Los Angeles. Pasker owns real estate in California and Florida.

How did 250 alleged Nazis find haven in the U.S.? How do they manage to stay on?

Some came over under programs such as 'Project Paperclip', which alone brought in after the war 900 German scientists, including former NASA chief Werner von Braun. 'Active Nazis' were supposedly barred, but recently-released documents show that official screening was benignly neglectful. Some had influential friends. Others, the Jewish

Defense League has charged, made pay-offs in high places.

The Californian pair fled before the Russian advance to Bavaria, where ardently anti-Communist General Patton was employing ex-Nazis in local government. Both worked for the U.S. forces before reaching America. At a 1978 congressional hearing on the U.S. Nazi muddle, one expert witness charged that Artukovic was 'protected' by U.S. intelligence agencies because of his services as an informer on emigre groups.

Astonishingly, although Artukovic has basked in the Californian sun for 30 years, he is still an 'illegal immigrant.' He entered the U.S. on an Irish certificate of identity bearing a false name, and for this immigration authorities ordered his deportation in 1952.

Higher State Department officials reversed the order on grounds that Artukovic would be 'persecuted' if sent back. For years the tug-of-war went on, with the Tito regime making repeated extradition demands and supplying more than 1,000 'documented' cases showing his guilt, while the

State Department, in the anti-Red fever of the 1950s, stalled.

For a time in the 1960s, Artukovic appeared to have won his fight. But recently, after long pressure from Jewish groups, Congress amended the Refugee Act to exclude war criminals from the 'possible persecution' defence against deportation.

The Nazi hunt was on again. But it has not been aggressively enough pursued for Jewish Defense League leaders, who complain that of 250 cases on the OSI task force's file, only 16 are in litigation. Of these, only Artukovic's and Pasker's seem remotely near resolution.

Earlier this year, the OSI's deputy director and top Jewish official was fired after clashes with superiors. 'He was just too keen,' said an OSI colleague later.

'There's a feeling it's time to forget and forgive, that these are sick old men who'll soon be dead anyway,' says Charles Kremer, a Jewish lobbyist pressing for faster action.

'I hurt when I see these murderers making a mockery of U.S. democracy and justice,' (OFNS)

China tames Yangtse Dragon

By Dennis Bloodworth

YICHANG — The lock-gates slowly open, and a freighter moves off upstream as a train comes out of the tunnel on the north bank of the river and clatters across the long barrage, high above the water.

The Yangtse, third longest river in the world, is never going to be the same again, for this is the Gezhouba dam, and for 1,000 miles between here and the East China Sea, the giant will be in harness.

The Gezhouba project is part of Peking's vast program for gearing China's waterways to its modernisation program. The dam — more than a mile-and-a-half long and 230ft high — is just outside the city of Yichang, where the bed of the Yangtse suddenly shelves, and two islands emerge.

The complex includes three locks, two of them capable of taking 10,000-ton freighters, and two hydroelectric power plants with a total capacity of 2,715 megawatts — three times the output of all China in 1949 when the Communists took over, and twice that of Boulder dam.

The lock-gates close, the train disappears, a cadre switches off the lights, and we file out of the shed. For this is only a large working model, a shiny toy.

The real thing is outside, a mass of men, mud and machines, and an ear-splitting orchestra of pneumatic drills, electric shovels, dumpers, suction dredges and concrete mixers. The men work in the drained riverbed, protected from the waters of the diverted Yangtse by an enclosing 100ft coffer-dam.

The 30,000 workers on the project, which is costing China more than \$2 billion, are toiling round the clock in three shifts — for an average of \$50 a month — to make up lost time and knock a year off the construction schedule.

Most have been brought in from outside the area, and new houses, schools and hospitals have been built for them and their families. As a result, the population of Yichang has risen from 250,000 to 360,000.

The Gezhouba dam is linked to a more grandiose plan which includes the construction of a complementary barrage and hydroelectric plant 23 miles upstream. It will raise the water level between 60ft and 100ft, the hazardous rapids and hidden shoals of the notorious Yangtse Gorges will be perils of the past, and 10,000-ton sea-going vessels will be able to steam all the way to Chongqing (Chungking) in west China.

The Yangtse is more than 3,400 miles long, and when the snows melt in Tibet, the water can rise nearly 100ft at Chongqing. But between Chongqing and Yichang and river falls a full 500ft.

To appreciate what it means to try to tame this dragon, one must take a boat through the three great gorges that separate these two cities.

The 'East is Red No. 32' enters the mouth of the first gorge soon after dawn in almost sinister silence. The swift current takes hold and she coasts downstream through swirling yellow water roughened by rapids and pock-marked with whirlpools.

The scene is Wagnerian. Vast walls of serrated rock rise on each side into skeins of thin cloud that wreathes the crags and pinnacles above. Houses and trees cling impossibly to the precipitous slopes of the crowding mountains. Here and there tiny terraced fields have been scratched into their giant flanks.

The 220ft ferry has a kind of gunsight that enables the man at the wheel to aim his ship between the winding lines of buoys that mark the narrow, treacherous channel. As the boat snakes from side to side to avoid rocks and rapids, first one sheer wall, now the other, is suddenly gliding past at what seems like arm's length.

The current can accelerate the ferry from 5mph to nearly 20mph. The walls close to within 50 yards of each other, and at one point the river-bed rises to within three feet of the bottom of the boat. And the chain or gorges is nearly 120 miles long.

Although the Gezhouba project was sanctioned 10 years ago, work stopped between 1972 and 1974, and it proved impossible to make real progress until the arrest of the 'Gang of Four' in 1976.

Now the directors are hoping to close the main channel of the river at the end of this year, and to put one generator into commission and open two of the big navigation locks by next May. The dam should be operating by 1985 and then, in theory, the workforce will move upstream.

However, the economic muddle left by Maoist era has forced the present rulers in Peking to 'readjust' their original development plans: the first blasting charge may not now be laid at the site of the complementary 'Three Gorges' dam until 1990. (OFNS)

Algeria tests capitalism

By Susan Morgan

LONDON —

Algeria's President Chadli has consolidated his authority after 18 months in office by slimming down the quarrelsome and cumbersome Politburo from 17 to seven members (including himself).

Even more important, he has weakened its powerful, decision-making role, based on the Soviet model, to that of a mere advisory council.

More is to come. A government reshuffle is reported to be imminent — and Algeria is waiting to see whose heads will fall. The reshuffle will be seen as another trial of strength for the President, a bluff military man brought unwillingly to power as the military's compromise candidate in February last year after the death of President Houari Boumedienne.

Chadli is above all anxious to curb the excessive powers of Minister and 'Superministers'. In the past, ministers have frequently held posts in the Politburo as well as in the government.

Some, like the now disgraced Belaid Abdesselam (former Industries Minister and economic supremo) and Ahmed Ghosali (former head of the huge State hydrocarbons concern, Sonatrach) were a law unto themselves and ran their enterprises as states within a State, brooking no interference.

Two of the country's most powerful men, Prime Minister Abdelghani and the head of gendarmes, Ahmed Bencherif, have been ousted from the Politburo and are almost certain to lose their places in the government reshuffle.

President Chadli is poised to push through major economic and social developments under the 1980-84 plan just accepted by his party congress. The plan gives priority to housing, water supplies, education and health, and is designed to hasten

lagging development in important sectors such as agriculture, where production has been consistently declining.

The plan does not envisage a real departure from the present development policy (which will, as always, be dependent on oil and gas exports), but there is a change of concepts: politically 'pure' interpretations of Socialist economic policy will give way to pragmatism, flexibility and small-scale organization.

In his address to the party congress, Planning Minister Ibrahim Brahimi also alluded to such heretical capitalist ideas as the links between supply and demand, between salaries and productivity — and said that the small private sector should play a bigger role.

Such implicit criticism of former economic policy, whose stress was on all-out industrialisation and the subordination of the rest of the economy to oil and gas, would have been unthinkable in the past.

Half the spending of \$10.4 billion in the new plan will be devoted to completing (or even starting) unfulfilled targets from the past.

The lions' share of allocations (40 per cent) still goes to industry, while 32 per cent goes to areas of social concern. Although agriculture gets only 6 per cent, farmers, not State bodies, will be allowed to market their own produce, which is expected to make a big difference to output.

The slogan, 'for a better life,' sums up the aims of Algeria's social goals. With over half the 19 million population under 19 and recent strikes and disturbances led by young people demanding greater freedom and autonomy, the government knows it cannot postpone the improvement of frequently appalling living conditions without risking a social explosion. — (OFNS)

Saudi Arabian Press Review

The major lead story in weekend newspapers regarded the passage of the bill by the Israeli Knesset (Parliament) on the annexation of Jerusalem to Israel as its unified capital. *Al-Bilad* led with the U.N. General Assembly session saying its discussions reaffirm refusal of the Israeli presence in the Arab territory. *Al-Madina* played as its lead story Syria's reported opposition to the formation of a Lebanese government with all the heads of parties and the militia. *Al-Riyadh* carried as its lead story the assassination of Riad Taha, head of the Lebanese press syndicate by some unidentified gunmen Wednesday. *Okaz* highlighted in its lead story a statement by the Austrian ambassador to the Kingdom that his government was looking forward to the visit of Crown Prince Fahd to Austria.

Al-Nadwa reported in a page one story, quoting Arab League Secretary General Chadli Klibi, that the Euro-Arab dialogue would be resumed before the end of the current year. A majority of newspapers frontpaged the assassination of Riad Taha in Beirut and the Israeli parliament's approval of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel. In a front-page story, *Al-Riyadh* reported the Kuwaiti Interior Minister as blaming the super powers for creating disturbances and chaos in Kuwait. The paper also carried on its front page a report on violent demonstrations in occupied Jerusalem, in protest against the death of a Palestinian in prison owing to persecution by the Israeli authorities.

The newspaper editorials continued to highlight

the seriousness of the Palestine issue. Some deplored the murder of Riad Taha and described the act as uncivil and defeatist, while others commented on the Israeli parliament's decision on the position of Jerusalem. In an editorial *Okaz* said the development of events in the Middle East with rising tempo of Israel's aggressive activities call for an effective and practical move to restore the usurped rights. The paper felt convinced that Israel would not pay any heed to the U.N. resolutions if they adopted their previous pattern.

Al-Madina deplored Israel's indifference to the U.N. resolutions and its decision to make Jerusalem its unified capital. The paper said Israel only wants to show to the world that it believes in the policy of 'fait accompli' and whenever the world society moved to do something on the basis of right and justice the Zionists intensified their activity to consolidate occupation of the Arab lands. The paper noted that Israel's criminal activities only aim at undermining the world body and pulling down all the pillars of peace at a time when the world community is striving to avert the woes of a destructive war in the world.

Al-Jazirah was convinced that the declaration of Jerusalem as the unified capital of Israel while the U.N. General Assembly is discussing the issue of Palestine is not just a matter of coincidence, but a deliberate act by the Israeli government. The paper described the Israeli action as an open challenge and insult to the United Nations and its charter. In

the paper's view, the Israeli challenges demonstrate its reaction to the isolation from which it is suffering at present, but added that the resolutions of the U.N. General Assembly's emergency session could put an end to the Israeli intransigence.

In its Friday issue, *Okaz* urged deterrent sanctions against Israel for its decision on Jerusalem. It blamed Israel for escalating tension in the Middle East as a result of its challenges and attempts to create obstacles in the way of peace and stability in the region. Meanwhile, the paper warned the Tel Aviv rulers against their behavior toward the occupied Jerusalem and their excesses against the wishes of the international community. It urged the Arab and Islamic world to give a suitable reply to the Israeli challenge through steadfastness and practical action.

Commenting on the wave of murders, *Al-Yom* wondered who was going to benefit from such acts, which only create trouble and refuse to allow anyone to live in peace and tranquility. It said the assassination of a journalist or a writer is nothing short of a defeatist tendency and a cultural paucity.

Al-Riyadh condemned the murder of Riad Taha in Beirut Wednesday, saying Taha's elimination was the murder of the patriotic and moderate journalism in Lebanon. The paper expressed its deep regret over the incident saying it was a matter of utter sadness that personal differences should rise above the sublime interests of the nation.

DRIFT CONTINUES

The Iranian revolution seems no longer capable of telling friend from foe.

Its first prime minister, Mehdi Bazargan, was brought down, and most reviling, after a meeting in Algiers with Zbigniew Brzezinski, Carter's national security advisor. It was possible that Bazargan was imprudent on that occasion. Yet he certainly did well within his powers as prime minister.

Bazargan's fate now threatens the president, Mr. Abulhassan Bani-Sadr, with the difference that Bani-Sadr's authority rests on popular elections according to the country's constitution. Yet this seems to make no difference for those challenging his authority at every turn, preventing him from carrying his office duties.

The main challenge comes from the country's clergy, organized in the Islamic Republican Party. The party has more than one means of pressuring the president. It controls the new parliament, and can mobilize the street anytime it chooses. It is now interfering in the president's efforts to form a government, to such an extent that even the so-called 'revolutionary students' can get air time on the Tehran Radio to tell him that he should appoint only 'revolutionaries' to the cabinet.

The demand is part of vociferous campaign whose ultimate aim, it is feared, is the denial of revolutionary credentials, and hence any share in power to all who are not members of the clergy. This has been clearly implied by a recent statement from a leading clergyman to the effect that it was the clergy and no one else who led all revolutions in the Middle East during the past 100 years.

The main target of the campaign is the president himself. His enemies would not be satisfied with his resignation, but would want him to stand trial as well. This is a fate which has already overtaken some very strong fighters against the regime of the former Shah, such as Dr. Hassan Nazih.

The president's sense of frustration is so acute that he is likely to push his resignation through. (He had declared that he already lodged a letter of resignation with Ayatollah Khomeini, to accept whenever it suited him.) He feels that his hold on events, never more than tenuous, is now slipping completely and that he is no longer a match for the extremists.

The president's feelings are understandable. To take a recent example, the revolutionary students had started a campaign of vilification against Pakistan, while the revolutionary guards show no sign of stopping the border war they are waging on Iraq. The president's greatest failure has been his inability to gain even a hearing on how the problem of the American hostages is to be resolved.

The country's internal isolation is almost complete. Latest to be added to the list of countries Iran is having difficulties with are both France — and this irony in view of its hosting Ayatollah Khomeini in his exile from Iran — and Austria, one of the international communities' least offensive members whose chancellor Bruno Kreisky has earned so much goodwill from the Arab states over his views on the question of Palestine. On top of all this there is the by now chronic chaos in the country's economy, left to its own devices from the time of the old regime's demise.

It is clear that the drift in the country's affairs cannot continue much longer, and that a dramatic new convulsion is in the offing, triggered perhaps by a final confrontation between President Bani-Sadr and the clergy.

During Ramadan

Recitation of Koran important to Muslims

By Mahmud Abdullah

JEDDAH — Muslims complete the recitation of the Quran from cover to cover at least once during Ramadan. This can be considered a way of celebrating the revelation of the Quran, since the first revelation of the Quran was revealed during Ramadan.

The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Quran, a guidance for mankind, and clear proofs of the guidance, and the criterion (of right and wrong)..... (2:185 Quran)

The Quran guides by offering itself as a criterion. It clearly distinguishes right from wrong, justice from injustice, fairness from unfairness. The consequences of transgression are demonstrated in the most graphic terms, as are those of obedience not only for this life, but more especially for the hereafter.

The words of God were communicated to the Prophet Muhammad by the Angel Gabriel, also called the trustworthy spirit in Islam. By the Islamic calendar, over 14 centuries

miraculous proof of his Prophethood, pointed with conviction to the Quran itself. No man-made composition could possibly convey that sense of cosmic force, which translation may at best faintly hint at:

Indeed, we sent it down on the Night of Power..... (97:1)

Arrangement of the Holy Quran

As the body of revelation was gradually communicated through the Prophet, it came to be arranged in a special order, not following a chronological sequence. In fact, the parts first revealed have been placed near the end. Tradition tells us how the Prophet Muhammad used to indicate, on receiving a fresh revelation, just where it should fit in with the rest. In this he must have been following divine guidance, for God makes it clear that He is responsible for the putting together, as well as for the way of reciting the Quran.

Stir not thy tongue herewith to hasten it (the Quran which was revealed gradually piece by

ful").

Al-Fatiha or "The Opening"

Special importance attaches to the brief sura Al-Fatiha, or "the opening". No ritual prayer is acceptable unless the whole of this sura is recited in each raka (prostration) or cycle of movements. Every Muslim who observes all the prescribed prayers will therefore recite Al-Fatiha at least 17 times a day. It is customarily repeated at the conclusion of serious gatherings on the receipt of good tidings, and on almost any important occasion in life. It is a beautiful way of expressing gratitude to God:

"Thankful praise be to God, Lord of all the worlds, the beneficent, the merciful...." And it contains a supplication that has been described as the marrow of worship: "God guide us on the straight pathy".

If the suras may be thought of as chapters of the Quran, the ayat (plural of aya) are its "verses," in the sense of scriptural verses — not verses of poetry — for the language of the Quran defies and transcends the familiar categories of poetry and prose alike. The Arabic term for these smaller segments of the revelation has a richness of meaning that contributes greatly to our understanding of the nature and purpose of the Quran as a whole. Aya means a "sign," "token," "wonder" or even "miracle". Through the wondrous signs that are these verses, God draws our attention to the manifold wonders He has wrought in the cosmos and in the human soul:

We shall show them our ayat on the horizons and within themselves, until it is clear to them that it is the truth..... (Quran 41:33)

By making us aware of God, the Quran inevitably inculcates a sense of responsibility in us. We become heedful of our duty to Him, to all He has created for our use, to humanity, and to our own souls. The Quran is then a guidance for us:

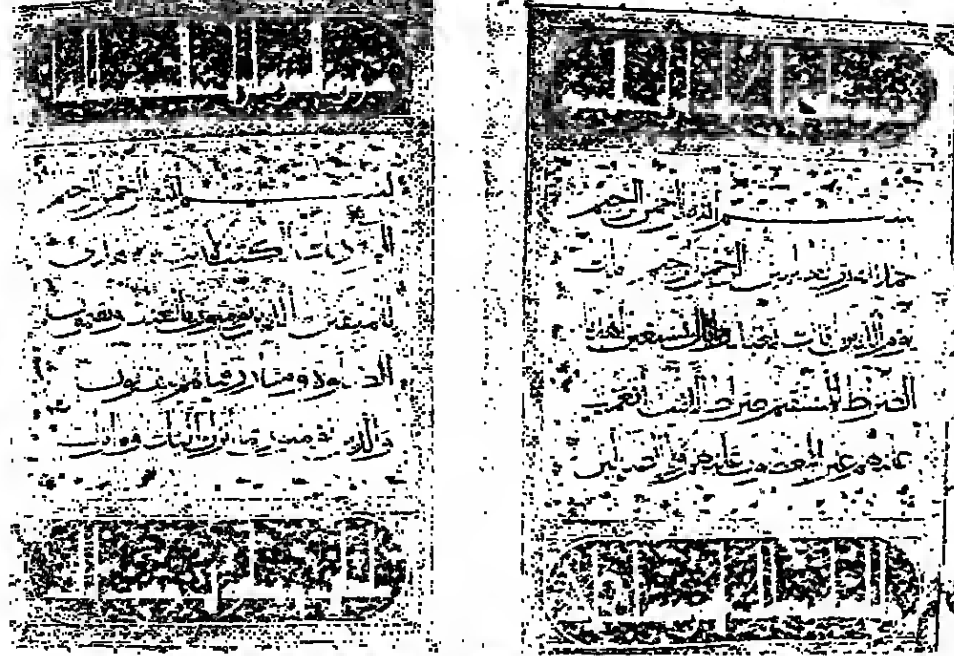
That is a book in which there is no doubt, a guidance for the heedful..... (Quran 2:2)

Stories of the earlier Prophets and messengers and of the fate of the peoples who rejected them, figure prominently as vehicles for divine guidance. They also serve to remind us that the message, of which the Quran is the final and clearest expression, has been conveyed to mankind in every age since the very beginning.

As the early Muslim community began to form around God's messengers the words of the Quran were heard and memorized by a steadily growing number of believers. Recitation as part of the regular prayers ensured that each worshipper knew at least some of



MECCA: Pilgrims from all over the world come to Mecca to perform religious rites the Prophet Muhammad did 14 centuries ago. The crowd in this photo is waiting outside the Holy Mosque in Mecca, toward which 700 million Muslims turn in daily prayers.



HOLY KORAN: Some 1,400 years of study and recitation have left the Koran's message as fresh as ever. Muslims refresh their spiritual well-being by reading and reciting the Koran, God's revelation to mankind.

have now passed since the Angel Gabriel first appeared to the Prophet Muhammad in a cave on Jabal-Nur, three kilometers from the Holy Kaaba, and made him begin to transmit the Quran, the revelation:

Recite: In the name of your Lord..... (Quran 96:1)

The process of revelation then went on at intervals for some 23 years until:

Today I have perfected your religion for you, and completed my grace upon you, and approved Islam as your religion..... (Quran 5:3)

The Quran is in fact a recitation, delivered to mankind by the one God, Allah, through His Prophet and Messenger Muhammad. There are times when some non-Muslims, unfamiliar with the text of the Quran even in translation, apparently imagine it to be code of laws written by the Prophet of Islam.

To Muslims, however, the Quran represents the actual speech, the very words of God himself. When the Quran speaks in the first person "I" or the majestic plural "We", the speaker is none other than the creator, maker and shaper of the entire universe, a wonderful inspiring thought for the spiritually awake.

In this view it is hardly surprising to learn that the Prophet, when challenged to show

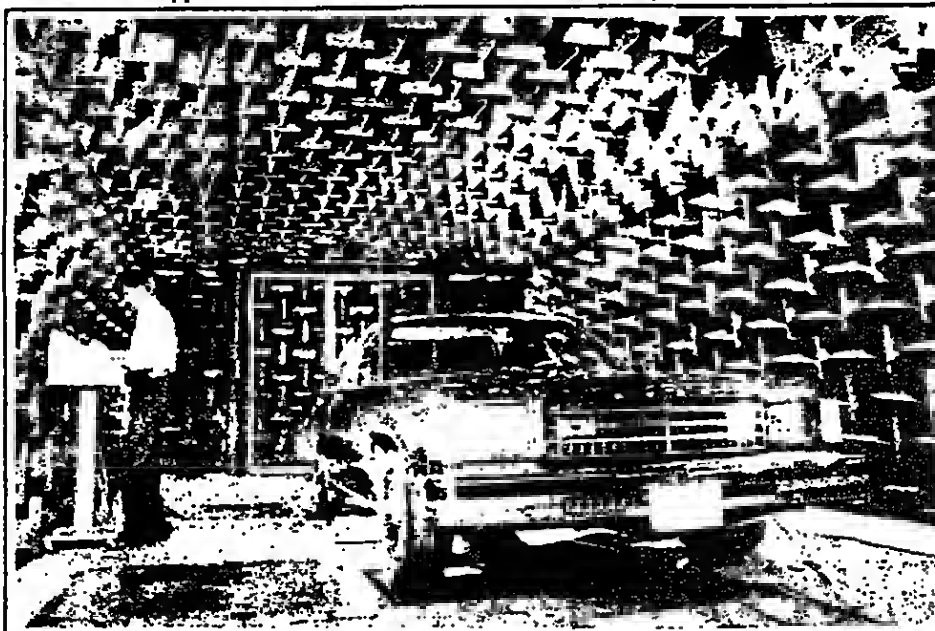
Lo! upon Us (resteth) the putting together thereof and the reading thereof. And when we read it, follow thou the reading..... (Quran 75:16-19)

Quran divided into 114 major units

The Quran is divided into 114 major units, called suras, of widely varying length: The shortest consists of only a few lines, while the longest covers many pages. The name by which each sura is known is generally a striking word, proper name, or even a letter of the alphabet that occurs somewhere in it acting as a more effective memory-trigger than a mere numeral.

Thus sura 24, which includes the famous passage beginning: "God is the light of the heavens and the earth" (24:35), is called Al-Nur ("Light"). Sura 12 is named after Yusuf (Joseph) whose story is told there, and sura 50 is known simply as Qat ("Q") because of the letter of the Arabic alphabet that stands at the head of it.

Every sura bar is prefaced by: "In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the merciful". Sura Al-Bara'ah (Al-Tauba, "Repentance") is the only sura which is without the "Bismillah" — Rahman-Rahim" (In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the mer-



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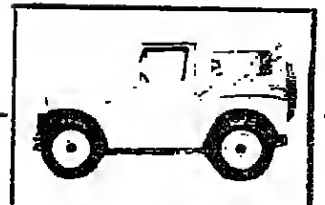


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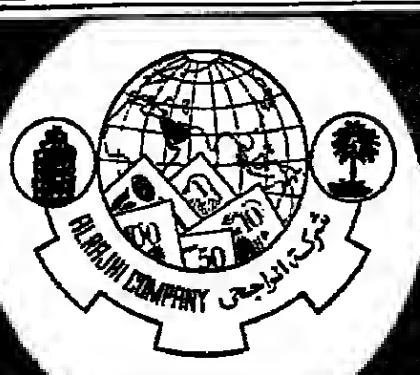
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'Sketches from memory'

Journalist recalls dangerous Malayan adventure

By F.W. Rawding

JEDDAH — Langkawi is a group of small islands lying some 20 miles off the North-western coast of Malaya in the Straits of Malacca, which separate the Sultanate of Kedah from the great island of Sumatra.

The old names for the islands, Lanka Dwip and later, Lanka Suka, indicate an ancient connection with India. People say that in the days of darkness before Islam, Lanka Suka was a Hindu kingdom and that its name, from the Sanskrit, means "islands of delight".

More than 20 years ago, before Malaya was opened up to tourists, I was working in the north, in a little town called Sungai Petani, and I used to keep a boat at the sea-side village of Bagan Ulu. As the months went by I became known in the kampung so that my comings and goings no longer excited any comment.

Sawai, a Malay fisherman of about 19 years, took it upon himself to look after the boat, keeping it oiled and caulked and taking the mast, sail, oars and other paraphernalia to his house when it was not in use. He had done this for the good name of the village — in case anything were borrowed or went astray — but soon I took him on my boatman and paid him a regular wage.

This pleased him, not for the money, I think, which was not very much, but for the prestige it gave him in the remote, uncomplicated little community and for the opportunity to go on expeditions unconnected with work. We often used to go down the Sunday Merbok, a muddy, mangrove-margined river, sometimes to shoot crocodiles, but more often, the tasty green pigeons that used to flit about like glowing sparks in the gloomy jungle.

Once, after a very successful day out, I said to Sawai, "I start 10 days leave next week, what about Langkawi?" "Tidak boleh,"

Tuan," he answered, "chukup jauh!" ("It can't be done, sir, it's much too far!") So I began to pull his leg about his lack of seaman's courage and he finally agreed that if his father would give permission, he would come. That is how it turned out.

Early in the morning a week later, I drove to Bagan Ulu with a car load of equipment for the expedition, cans of petrol and water, food, cooking pots, bedding and the outboard motor. The boat was rocking at its stake in the shallows with the other prahus and I began to carry the kit down to the beach. Soon Sawai arrived carrying a bundle of things for the journey. He waded out to retrieve the prahu, many other willing hands helped to load her, and we clambered aboard, gave us a push out with a lot of good-natured banter like "see you next year, then" or "bring us back some mermaid's hair."

The motor exploded into life at the end of its lanyard, scattering the foraging gulls and shattering the morning calm with its cacophonous bark. Soon we were in deeper water and turning north parallel to the coast under the lee of Gunung Jerai, a solitary mountain covered in misty jungle, rising sheer from the Kedah rice plain. In deep water the motor was sounding a pleasant, droning antiphony to our alternate snatches of a popular Malay song, "Mari lah! Menyani." It was good to be free of routines and responsibilities and to have no one to please but ourselves.

Some hours later, when we had become tired of the relentless sun and the dazzling water, we came up opposite to a river, Kuala Kedah, and we decided to camp in the ruined fort there. This had been built centuries before to protect the river town from pirates — Moros, perhaps — from distant Mindanao, who ran amok in the villages, looted and

sailed away again like the Viking berserkers of the cold North countries.

Edging in to the shore we tied up to a metal ring in the sea wall and lifted our stores onto a grassy parapet. There was a cannon lying without a carriage, pointing accusingly through an embrasure at the palm — shadowed shore. It had embossed on it, by the port feu, the Royal Arms of Portugal and, just discernible, the date 1512. Presumably, it had been bought by the Sultan of Kedah from Albuquerque, the Captain General of Portuguese Malacca.

While I was putting up the tent and sorting out the kit, Sawai went off to the village, and

shortly came back with a creel of fish and a large pineapple. Following behind him was a clutch of small boys carrying draft wood for our fire and some damp palm fronds to burn against the night mosquitoes.

We soon had a good fire going under our rice and curry pots, and leaving the boys on guard, we went to wash off the salt spray and sweat at the village well. That evening, attracted by the fire and the showers of sparks bursting into the sky, men came up from the village to sit and share the news, heads thrown back, eyes and teeth shining with animated talk.

It seemed that I had hardly started to sleep

when Sawai shook me and said we must leave at once to catch the morning tide. It was still dark but the little camps of the distant fishing boats showed us where the sea harvesters were already at work. We were soon slipping down the river into open water past men working in the fish traps or in the shallows with billowing prawn nets.

By 10 o'clock we were opposite Kuala Perlis, a river on which stood another little town, this one built on stilts over the water. The children were swimming like fish and managing tiny boats almost before they had learned to walk. We had to stop to take on oil and water and we wandered for a short while in the village admiring the handsome, intricately carved houses. People were amused to learn that we were going in such a small boat to Langkawi, now just visible on the western horizon under a bank of steel grey clouds. Shortly after setting off again we were overtaken by the afternoon ferry boat crowded with islanders returning from their trading with the mainland. We were now alone on the water. Behind us, the beaches and villages had disappeared and only the lime stone outcrops stood out from the hazy blue jungle. The sea was calm enough and we were making good progress, Sawai baling the bottom and I managing the boat. Almost half way across the sea had grown heavier. Great waves came at us and melted away in a hiss of foam just before they reached the gunwales. We could not distinguish some of the smaller rocks around the main island. Langkawi was shining green in the brilliant afternoon sun but still that almost black cloud hung threateningly above.

Suddenly a stiff breeze arose and it became very cool. Heavy drops of rain made us start as they landed on our bare backs and shoulders. Langkawi disappeared in a moment and behind us, the mainland had also vanished in the haze. A great wall of rain was fast approaching and before it, a ferocious wind whipping up the water and hurling the tops of the waves at us. We hunched forward up into the crests and down to the troughs. The water, which had been olive green and playful was now brown, turgid and menacing.

Just then the motor coughed and was silent. The quietness was a palpable, unfriendly thing. I tried and Sawai tried to start it again, but to no avail. We were being carried off

course by the wind and water. The rain arrived and poured out of the sky like a waterfall. We baled frantically. There was no time to be afraid. Both of us now in the middle of the boat, we took the oars and struggled to turn our bow around into the wind and water. It was like an unequal wrestling match. For what seemed like an age but was probably only 10 minutes, we hung on fighting the sea, playing our oars with a skill and strength born of desperation.

Then, as suddenly as it had come, the storm passed over and made its inexorable way to the mainland. Everything was drenched, we cold and shivering and the boat was nearly full of water. Remarkably, we had lost nothing of our kit except one baler, for we had had foresight enough to tie everything securely into the tent canvas. Still drifting in the ocean, we were about five miles off course to the south and we saw Langkawi from a different angle.

It looked a very long way to go. Sawai baled like a machine while I removed the spark plug and cleaned it on a piece of cloth from my tool box. I topped up with fuel and tried the lanyard. The motor started, spluttered and stopped several times before coming to life again. The sound was a joyous one and we both laughed out loud with relief and optimism. "Boleh, Tuan?" asked Sawai. "Can we do it?" "Bukan main — of course we can," said I.

The cruel, inconstant sea changed her mood again. She was easy now and turning back onto our course we came, after another hour or so, the outer rocks and sped through the jade green waters between little sandy-beached jungle — clad islands. Monkeys chattered at us from their tree top colonies when we came too close. Crah catchers, herons wading among the rocks, looked up languidly to watch us passing.

Soon we came to Kuah, the only village on the main island, and tying our prahu to a stake, we waded through the shallows with our kit and set up camp under some palm trees.

"Tidak boleh, Tuan!" I joked with Sawai. He laughed and said: "But it was mad, wasn't it?" "It was, a bit," I agreed. "But think of the impression you will make back in Bagan Ulu!"

Willie Nelson

Texas singer returned home to find success

By Robert Hilburn

LAS VEGAS (LAT) — As I waited to interview Willie Nelson, it was hard not to suspect that at least some of the country had gone out of the red-headed stranger.

Nelson has gone from honky-tonk to Las Vegas showrooms, from records to movies, and he even associated now with a company that's making Willie Jeans. The records should sell 3 million to 5 million copies this year. *Honeysuckle Rose*, is being touted as one of the summer's big hits. And first-year orders on the jeans are expected to hit \$50 million.

So, who is the real Willie Nelson? The truth is Nelson never was just country. He was born in Texas where he was quickly surrounded by country music and the usual good of boy attitudes. But he was also intrigued by pop, jazz and blues, and quick enough to recognize that the world didn't end at the honky-tonk door.

The problem he faced for years in Nashville was that record executives and booking agents weren't ready for the changes Nelson wanted to make. Country music had always worked a certain way. Why tamper with a winning formula?

Nelson worked within the Nashville system for years, although he didn't like the way his music sounded on most of his albums. One consolation: He was making good money as a songwriter. Nelson compositions like *Funny How Time Slips Away* and *Crazy* were bouncing all over the country and pop charts. Hun-

dreds of artists have since recorded his tunes. Nelson's own record sales and career, however, progressed slowly. The frustration took its toll. The lines on Nelson's face and the patches of gray in his beard make him look considerably older than his actual 47.

In the mid-1960s, Nelson went into semi-retirement. He continued to write and record, but rarely toured. "I lost interest in the business," he explained. "There was no incentive to get out and work because I always felt they had me in a slot: He's ahead of his time, so what can we do for him? Nothing. He'll just have to wait until his time comes."

By 1969, Nelson had gone through his second divorce and his career was still stymied. With this in mind, he and cohort Hank Cochran wrote a song called *What Can You Do to Me Now?* The next day, his house burned down. Soon after, Nelson headed home to Texas.

"That was a big turning point," he said, sitting in his Las Vegas suite between shows. "The bottom line for me is positive and negative. I began to change my life so that I could emphasize the positive things."

"There were positive things in Nashville, but there were also all the negative ones. I figured there'd be less negative influences in Texas. I'd be among friends and in familiar territory. The rest was up to me."

Back in Texas, Nelson bought a used Greyhound bus and hit the local concert trail, much like Buck Bonham, the character he plays in *Honeysuckle Rose*. It was during

those tours that he began to build the redneck and long-hair coalition. The key was realizing that many young rock fans were also interested in country music. Nashville had written off that audience.

The problem, Nelson realized, was that many of the rock fans had long hair and they felt nervous going into hard-core country-music hangouts. So Nelson going into hard-core country-music hangouts. So Nelson played the Armadillo World Headquarters, an Austin rock club, and he began wearing his longer. Rather than call the move "calculated," Nelson uses the word "concession."

Besides making it easier for young rock fans to identify with Nelson, the new look drew attention to the singer in traditional country-music circles. Many were shocked at the idea of anyone with long hair and a beard singing country music.

Didn't people advise him of the danger of alienating old-line fans?

"I'm sure they would have if I had asked them, but I didn't," Nelson replied. "For one thing, I had faith in the music. If I could just catch people's attention, I felt they would respond. Second, if you believe in people's intelligence, you've got to realize they aren't seriously going to judge someone by the length of his hair or beard."

A key element in Nelson's breakthrough was his July 4 picnic in 1973, a country-music Woodstock that drew more than 50,000 people of all ages and background. The talent lineup, which also included Waylon Jennings and Kris Kristofferson, also suggested the

growth of a contemporary form of country music: the renegade "outlaw" sound.

Nelson soon became a media sensation, as important to readers of *Rolling Stone* magazine as Nashville's *Music City News*. Moving from RCA records to Atlantic Records for two highly acclaimed albums, Nelson then signed with Columbia, where he was guaranteed creative control for the first time.

His first Columbia album was "Red Headed Stranger," a concept package recorded in two days in Texas for a paltry \$16,000. The album, a mixture of such old country tunes as *Blue Eyes Cryin' in the Rain* and Nelson originals, was a smash.

When he followed it up with an RCA "outlaw" sampler co-starring pal Waylon Jennings, Nelson was a bona fide superstar in country music and a growing force in pop.

Nelson continued to puzzle record executives as he broadened his appeal with a gospel album, a Christmas collection, a joint venture with rocker Leon Russell, tribute albums to other songwriters (Kris Kristofferson, the late Lefty Frizzell) and, most successfully, a Mainstream pop LP titled "Stardust."

An equal country and pop hit, "Stardust" has just passed the 2-million-sales mark, earning Nelson a whole new layer of fans. "I recorded the songs because I believed in them," he said. "I've been singing those songs in Texas for years. It wasn't until I got to Nashville that people started talking about this being a 'pop' song and that being a 'country' song. Back home, it was all just music, and I figured that's the way it was most places."

In shows at Caesar's Palace, Nelson and his family band brought the diverse currents in his music together with ease before an audience that exemplified the melting-pot concept. The only thing he needs to round it out racially is an R and B collection.

Reflecting on the importance of this broad-based musical approach, Nelson noted, "I believe that anybody will listen to something if it's presented the right way. They'll be open-minded, just like with the long hair."

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U.S. study examines year 2000

Grim future forecast for Earth

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — Mass poverty, malnutrition, overcrowding, food shortages and deterioration of the planet's water and atmosphere resources — that's a bleak U.S. government prediction that says civilization has perhaps 20 years to act to head off such a worldwide disaster.

The three-year U.S. government study released Thursday warns that the world faces those grim problems unless nations cooper-

ate as never before to head them off.

In response to the "Global 2000 Report to the President," President Jimmy Carter has written top government officials that "unless nations of the world take prompt, decisive action to halt the current trends, the next 20 years may see a continuation of serious food and population problems, steady loss of croplands, forests, plant and animal species, fisheries, and degradation of the earth's

water and atmosphere."

The presidential report estimated real food prices would double and energy prices more than double by the turn of the century. The report said its findings "point to increasing potential for international conflict and increasing stress on international financial arrangements." Despite some economic growth, it said, the gap between rich and poor will grow wider. And the study, headed by the President's Council on Environmental Quality and the State Department, said that, if anything, it is probably too optimistic.

The report included these findings:

World food production may increase 90 per cent from 1970 to the year 2000, but population will swell more than 59 per cent from some 4 billion in 1975 to about 6.35 billion in 2000.

Per capita food production, therefore, will increase only about 15 per cent and those already eating well will get most of the increase, leaving the poor of south Asia, the Middle East and Africa with little more food, and maybe less, than they get now.

Farmland will increase only about 4 per cent. Increased food production must rely on techniques using oil and natural gas, causing some prices to spiral upward along with energy prices.

"There will be fewer resources to go around," the report says, adding: "resource-based inflationary pressures will continue and intensify."

Extinctions of plant and animal species will increase dramatically. Hundreds of thousands of species — perhaps as many as 20 per cent of all species on earth — will be irretrievably lost as their habitats vanish, especially in tropical forests.

"Barring any revolutionary advances in technology," the report said, "life for most people on earth will be more precarious in 2000 than it is now — unless the nations of the world act decisively to alter current trends."



HOOP DANCER: Britain's Prince Margaret watches a performance of the Muskoday Indian hoop dance. At her left sits Chief Dan Knight, the leader of the Saskatchewan, Canada, tribe.

U.N. women's forum ends

COPENHAGEN, July 25 (AP) — Eight thousand women who flocked to this city for the mid-decade women's forum were packing for home Thursday night after 10 days of workshops, discussion panels and feminist dialogue — and calls to meet again in five years.

A self-appointed "issues committee" presented a packet of resolutions to the concurrent U.N. world conference on the decade for women, a parting shot at the official convention now tied up in government squabbles that have pushed women's issues to the background.

The resolutions were collected from various organizations attending the forum. They called for action on, among other things, the need for a world language, an international tribunal to investigate men's crime against women, the abolition of laws against prostitution and the figuring of women's unpaid work

into countries' gross national product figures.

And a spokesman for the South Korean Embassy has reported a failed North Korean attempt to kidnap a South Korean delegate to the women's conference here, Danish police chief Joergen Frederiksen said Thursday.

Frederiksen said that Danish police knew nothing about the kidnapping attempt, which allegedly occurred on Wednesday, beyond what the South Korean spokesman had told them.

According to the spokesman's account, a South Korean delegate identified as a Mrs. Park was leaving the conference center here Wednesday at noon when a man who said he was Japanese tried to persuade her to get in his car, a Saab with Swedish license plates.

Her suspicions aroused, Mrs. Park told the man that she wanted to go back into the conference center to get another delegate, a Mrs. Lee, who was to accompany her.

Rain ruins Europe's summer

LONDON, July 25 (AP) — Rain is drenching most of Europe, from the Atlantic to Moscow. Days are chilly and nights demand extra blankets. Ice cream sales slump, tourists stay home or flee to Africa or the Black Sea in search of the sun. Sales of rainwear and umbrellas boom.

British weathermen say it's their worst summer since 1912. The Swiss say it's the worst on nearly a century. "One of the most dreadful summers since our official records started in 1855," said a Dutch expert.

Heinz Kaminski of West Germany's Bochum Observatory blames the erupting Mount St. Helens volcano in Washington state. He says that volcanic ash hanging over the northern hemisphere acts as an evaporation shield, production rain.

In the Soviet Union, Moscow temperatures

as low as 11 centigrade, 17 below a normal summer average of 28. The hay crop flattened in places; potato plants smothered in weeds. Fresh fruit and vegetables are nearly double their usual cost.

In Yugoslavia, tourism's up despite colder, wetter-than-normal summer, possibly because of currency devaluation last month making things cheaper for foreigners.

Italian vacation beaches largely deserted because of cool-weather from the north Atlantic. The wind from the south Atlantic across Africa's warming things up now.

In the Swiss, Valais Alps, where it has rained when it didn't snow, farmers say their cows show symptoms of rheumatism and pneumonia. In central Switzerland, the sunshine count was down from the normal 200 hours to 50 hours between June 15 and July 15.

U.S. rejects bid to end embargo

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — The U.S. House of Representatives Wednesday overwhelmingly rejected attempts to end President Jimmy Carter's grain embargo against the Soviet Union.

Critics of the move, led by top Democrats including Majority Leader Jim Wright of Texas, called it an "empty gesture" that would do nothing to actually end the embargo.

A responsible Congress must oppose any efforts to tie the hands of the President of the United States in foreign policy," Wright said. The series of proposals, all defeated by more than 100 votes, offered the House the first opportunity to take a stand on the

embargo itself since Carter imposed it.

"We have a President who's been prone to errors," Republican Edward Derwinski of Illinois said. "Yet in this case he's been strong. He's been tough. He's stuck to his guns. This is no time to deny this President or any President a key tool."

The embargo banned the sale of 17 million metric tons of grain to Russia but allowed the shipment of another eight metric tons under a long-term agreement with the Soviets. The administration has also said it will allow Russia to buy the agreed to eight million tons during the final year of that agreement during its final year that begins in October.



THUMBS UP: 21-month-old Jacob Bernard of Cleveland, Ohio, was born without thumbs, but surgeons have converted her right index finger into a thumb.

Hebrides rebels give up their fight

PORT VILA, July 25 (AFP) — The secessionist state of Vemarana agreed to return to the authority of the legally elected New Hebrides government Thursday after a 200-man Anglo-French paratroop force landed on the island.

Helicopters put a first group of troops, under French command, down on Luganville air strip on the secessionist island of Espiritu Santo early Thursday after rebel leader Jimmy Stevens personally gave the order to clear the runway of barricades, French Secretary of State for Overseas Territories Paul Dijoud said in Paris later.

The government has given the Franco-phone rebels on Santo guarantees that their cultural traditions would be respected, and published a statement Wednesday assuring all ethnic or national minorities of their full constitutional rights under the new government.

The New Hebrides groups 80 islands dotted in the Pacific some 1,800 kms (1,100 miles) northeast of Australia. Its 112,000 inhabitants are mostly Melanesian, with small European and Asian minorities. The Melanesian population are about 60 per cent Anglophone and 40 per cent Francophone, the result of education by British or French missionaries.

Russian volcano erupts

MOSCOW, July 25 (AP) — A volcano dormant for the last 30 years has erupted on the Kamchatka peninsula in the Soviet far east, Tass reported Wednesday.

The Soviet news agency said Mt. Gorely erupted with "a gigantic cloud of volcanic ash and gases rising up to an altitude of three thousand meters. There was no report of damage or injuries due to the eruption."

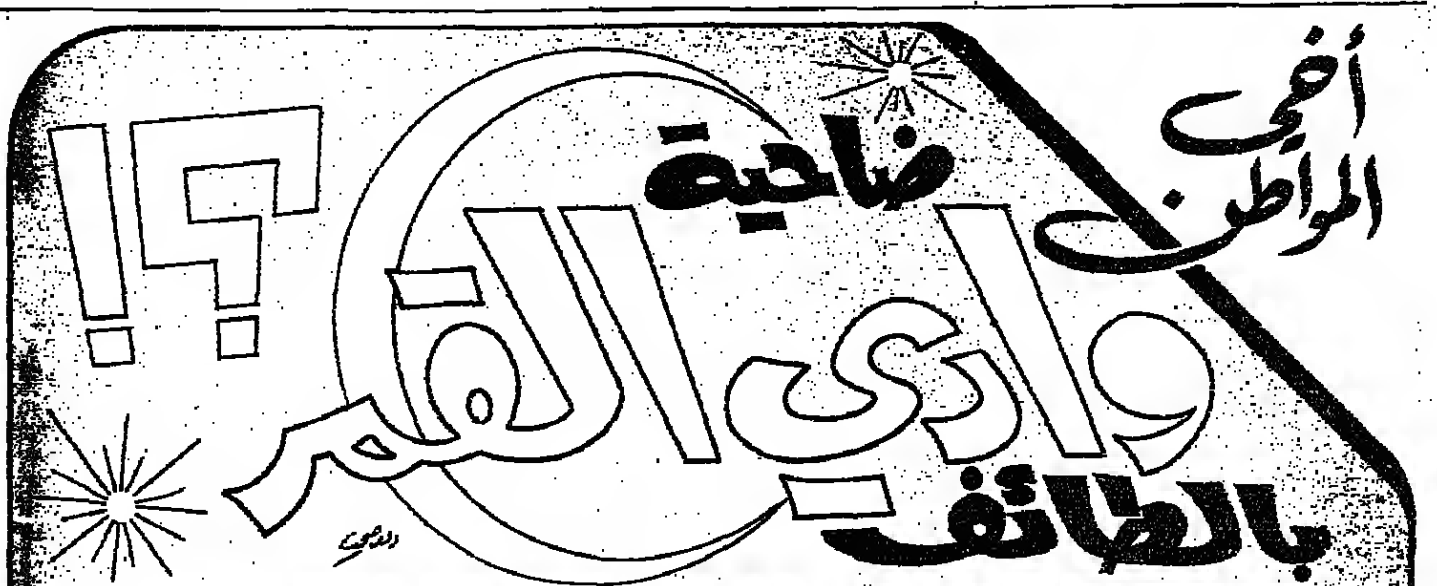
A lake that had formed previously in the volcano's main crater "for the most part ceased to exist," Tass said. The volcano, located about 60 kilometers (40 miles) away from the city of Petropavlovsk, "had been sleeping for the last third of a century," according to the brief Tass dispatch.

Tass said Soviet volcano specialists had gone to the scene to study the eruption. Mt. Gorely, part of a mountain range with attitudes up to two kilometers (6,500 feet), has a total of 11 volcanic craters.

Hope for 'The Observer'

LONDON, July 25 (AFP) — Hopes that Britain's oldest Sunday newspaper *The Observer* might be saved rose Thursday after management and unions announced they have reached an agreement to their dispute which threatened to close the paper. Details of the agreement are to be released after the National Graphical Association (printing) union has consulted its members.

A week ago *The Observer* management began a procedure for dismissing its entire staff of about 500 people following the failure of talks over modernization pay and manning levels.



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Guyana loan to set precedent

IMF altering its loan policy

WASHINGTON, July 25 (UPI) — In a precedent-setting move, the International Monetary Fund is expected to announce a 3-year, \$150 million loan to the government of Guyana in collaboration with a World Bank commitment to help Guyana create a huge hydro-electric capacity.

It will be the first major move by the two Bretton Woods institutions to carry out the suggestion made at the Venice summit on June 23 that they work more closely together to help poor countries, especially with economic problems created by the oppressive cost of oil imports.

For its part, the World Bank will soon approve a \$5 million loan for technical development known as the Upper Mazaruni project, and \$10 million as a "program loan"

to tide over the higher cost of imports.

Guyana's socialist government reportedly has agreed to accept austerity measures recommended by the IMF. In turn, this paved the way for the bank to play a lead role in gathering together the international institution and private financing that will be necessary for the huge hydro-electric project.

But the difference between the projected IMF loan to Guyana, and its more standard practice in past years, is that it appears to be willing to carry the Guyana government along for a period of years while the hydro-electric capacity is being put into place. Officials say that once finished, the hydro project will make Guyana totally independent of imported oil.

In the past, the IMF would have looked at a

very short term credit — perhaps 18 months — and have insisted on restraint of demand that would have fairly harshly cut domestic consumption.

IMF officials have promised, ever since a policy meeting last April in Hamburg, a more flexible approach, in view of the heavy deficits being piled up in the aftermath of the second oil shock. This need was underscored by specific language in the Venice summit communiqué.

Managing Director Jacques De Larosiere has indicated in a number of speeches since then that the IMF is willing to a larger role in financing such deficits, and as a consequence, will seek to borrow additional funds, primarily from the OPEC surplus countries. These moves were endorsed by the IMF's executive board last week, and will be discussed further at the Bank-IMF joint annual meeting here in September.

Informally, Saudi Arabia has indicated it will advance more funds to the IMF. Larosiere will shortly go to Kuwait, the United Arab Emirates, and possibly Iraq to seek additional commitments.

U.S. prices up 1% in June

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — Powered by rising food and housing costs, consumer prices in the United States in June rose at an annual rate of 12.4 per cent, slightly higher than the month before, the government said Wednesday.

The Labor Department reported that consumer prices in June increased 1 per cent, compared with 0.9 per cent rises in both May and April. The annual rate during those two months was about 11 per cent. For the first six months of this year, inflation — as measured by the consumer price index — accelerated at a 14.8 per cent seasonally adjusted annual pace, the Labor Department said.

The Labor Department also reported that average take-home pay in June fell 7.4 per cent. Over the year, inflation adjusted spendable earnings — which subtract social security payments and federal income taxes — were down 7.7 per cent.

Norwegian oil strike spreads

OSLO, July 25 (AFP) — A strike by Norwegian trade union members which has halted work on 20 oil exploration rigs in the North Sea has to spread to Norwegian rig off Libya and another off Mexico, the union said. Strike action will also begin in August aboard a third rig being towed towards Newfoundland, the union added.

The strike has halted oil exploration in the Norwegian sector of the North Sea for two weeks, and there is no sign of a breakthrough between the 2,000 strikers demanding pay rises on about 40 per cent and their employers who have offered up to ten per cent.

Strikers on North Sea oil production platforms last week obeyed a Norwegian government instruction to return to work pending compulsory arbitration. However, the government has said it will not intervene in the strike aboard exploration rigs as the economic consequences to this dispute are less severe.

U.K. may reduce North Sea output

LONDON, July 25 (AFP) — The government intends to curb the extraction of North Sea oil and gas so that Britain can, if possible, remain self-sufficient in these hydrocarbons until the end of the century, Energy Minister David Howell told Parliament. Self-sufficiency in oil is expected to begin shortly when output attains 1,700,000 barrels a day or 85 million tons per annum.

Howell said that a small amount of oil would still be available for export so that Britain could meet its international pledges, particularly to the International Energy Agency (IEA) and European Economic Community (EEC).

Output targets recently laid down by the government were: 90 to 120 million tons for 1982, 95 to 130 million tons for 1983 and 95 to 135 million tons for 1984. But Howell indicated that the proposed curbs would doubtless mean maximum figures below

Slightly lower price rises reported by IMF

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — The rate of price increases in the world's major industrial countries has slowed down, the International Monetary Fund reported Wednesday.

In 14 industrial countries, the average year-to-year rise of consumer prices in April was at the rate of 12.5 per cent. But the rate of increase in the United States was down for April — to 14.6 per cent from 13.7. Preliminary figures showed that the U.S. rate dropping again in May to 14.4 and in June to 14.3.

Japan's rate of increase also declined in May, to 8.2 per cent from 8.4 the previous month. Wholesale prices touched a peak in February, slumped for two months, rose 4.8 per cent in May and then dropped 8 per cent in June. The drop put the average wholesale price back to its January level, it said.

Oil companies dominate Fortune 500 standings

NEW YORK, July 25 (AP) — Fortune magazine has ranked Exxon, General Motors, Royal Dutch-Shell, Mobil and Ford Motor Co. as the five largest industrial companies in the world, the financial bi-monthly reported Thursday. Ranking them according to sales in 1979, Fortune named 22 American and 28 other firms in its annual list of the world's top 500 industries.

The list is dominated by the world's largest oil companies, the magazine wrote in its August 11 issue, with 20 in petroleum. Three of the four newcomers to the list since 1978 were oil companies: Sun, Continental Petroleum and Phillips Petroleum. The number two industry represented is motor vehicles, with 11 out of 50.

Total sales for the 50 rose 22 per cent in 1979, compared with 14 per cent in 1978, and sales from the smallest company were one billion dollars above the previous year's level. "In a year of world wide inflation, the top 50 stayed comfortably ahead," wrote the magazine.

Dropped from last year's list were the U.S.-owned Procter and Gamble and Union Carbide, St. Gobain-Pont-a-Mousson, a French manufacturer of building materials and metal products, and National Iranian Oil, from whom figures were unavailable.

In a separate category excluding U.K. businesses, the magazine also reported that petroleum led all other industries in sales increases — a "heartly 1.2 per cent" and that 62 of the top 500 companies were in petroleum. "For no fewer than 16 of the 35 countries represented among the 500, an oil company is the largest — and in seven countries the only — industrial listed it said.

Royal Dutch entered the 24th year of its reign as number one, with British Petroleum next for a second year in a row, it wrote. Italy's government-owned ENI jumped from tenth to fourth place and Francaises Petroles from eleventh to sixth.

"The largest leap was that of British

National Oil," the magazine said. "North Sea oil boosted the company from No. 375 to No. 73 with an eightfold increase in sales for the first time since its creation in 1976."

Company vaulters which jumped more than 80 places include Argentina's Yacimientos Petroliferos Fiscales (ranked 84th), Kuwait National Petroleum (93), Britain's Ultramar (83), Ess Nederland (101), Britain's Conoco (259), Mobil Oil Italiana (292) and Portugal's Petrogal (300).

Japan storing more oil

TOKYO, July 25 (R) — The Japanese government plans to increase its crude oil stockpile from 31.5 to 47 million barrels by next March as part of a new comprehensive national security program, the International Trade and Industry Ministry said Thursday. Japan which relies on imports for almost all its oil, began the stockpile two years ago. The stockpile is enough for a seven day supply. It supplements private stockpiles of oil and oil products totalling 441 million barrels which are enough for 98 days.

India wins \$30m loan

WASHINGTON, July 25 (R) — The World Bank has announced approval of a \$30 million loan to India for a watershed development project in Punjab state. The bank said Thursday that the \$60.8 million Kandi watershed and area development project would be the country's first concerted attempt to tackle the problem of soil erosion as well as economic development in this region.

Internationally recruited consultants will train the staff of the Punjab Directorate of Water Resources to build up technical expertise, conduct research of Water Resources to build up technical expertise, conduct research and prepare additional watershed schemes in the state. The bank said the loan is for 20 years, including five years of grace, and has an 8.25 per cent interest rate.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs	Illuminating of streets under the jurisdiction of Abi Arish municipality	6/400	200	Aug. 23
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" " "	Temporary asphaltting of streets in Beqa villages	8/400	1500	Aug. 25
Department of Water & Sewage, Medina	Supply of fuel	70/1400/1401	300	Aug. 19
" " "	Construction of two 1000-cubic meter capacity reservoirs and extension of main and subsidiary water pipes to collect water from wells	71/1400/1301	500	Aug. 23
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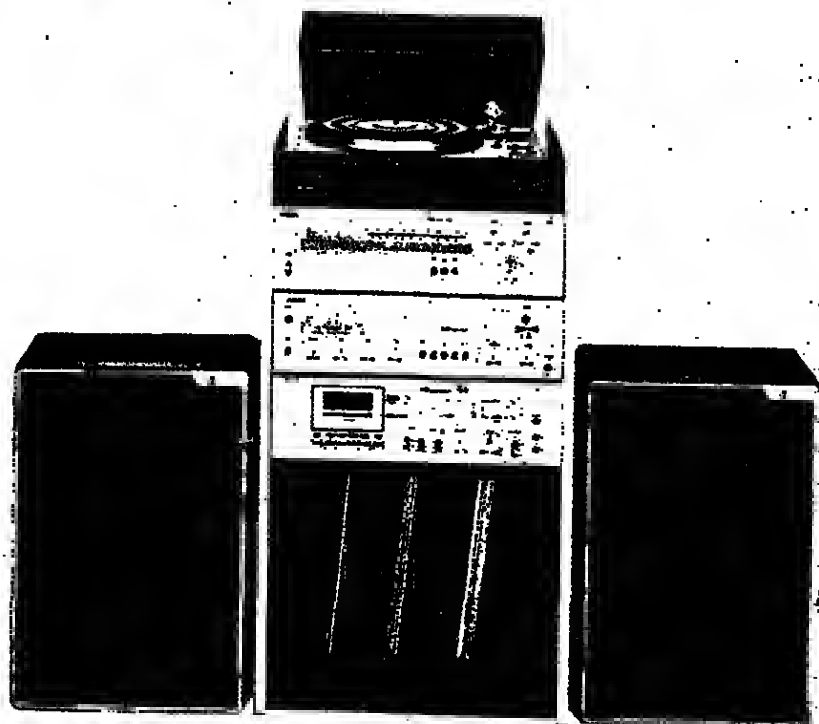
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THAT'S CLEVER! ... HOW DOES IT WORK?

YOU ADD WATER AND DIE

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I SEE THE BAND PUT YOUR PICTURE ON THEIR DRUM

YEAH

IT'S QUITE A COMPLIMENT, ISN'T IT?

I'M NOT SURE

HAGAR

HOO-BOY!

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HOW'S MY SON-IN-LAW?

I'M FINE, MISSUS

IT WON'T DO YOU A LOT OF GOOD PLAYIN' IN THIS WEATHER, EH?

I'LL SURVIVE

MY HEALTH WORRIES HER - IT'S ALWAYS GOOD

ANDY CAPP

DENNIS the MENACE



Contract Bridge B. Jay Becker

The Battle for Trump Control

South dealer.
North-South vulnerable.

NORTH		EAST	
♦ Q 9 3		♥ 10 8 6 4 3 2	
♠ K Q 7		♦ 8 5 4	
♣ K Q 10 6		♠ Q 7 2	
♦ 9 8 5			
SOUTH		WEST	
♦ K J 10 8 2		♠ A 6 5 4	
♥ A J		♥ 9 5	
♠ A J 7 3		♦ 9 2	
♣ 6 4		♠ A K J 10 3	

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♦	2♦	2♦	Pass
3♦	Pass	3♦	Pass
4♦			

Opening lead — king of clubs.

One of the great advantages of playing in a suit contract, rather than notrump, is that the defenders cannot run a long suit against you. Your trumps act as stoppers and neutralize at least some of the tricks the defenders would otherwise be able to take.

However, this advantage does not protect a declarer in every case. If the defenders persist in attacking with their long suit, they may eventually run declarer out of trumps and

score as many cards as they have left in their main suit. Here is a case where the defenders can assert their power in that fashion, provided they play carefully. West leads three rounds of clubs, forcing declarer to ruff. Superficially, it seems that South is now on solid ground, since he has four sure trump tricks, three heart tricks and four diamond tricks. Nevertheless, the contract will fail if West defends correctly.

At trick four, declarer leads the king of trumps. If West takes the king with the ace, South easily wins the rest of the tricks. But if West ducks the king of trumps, leaving himself with the A-6-5 while South still has the J-10-8, West retains control over trumps.

When South continues with the jack, West ducks again, thus sealing declarer's fate. South cannot afford still another trump lead, because West would win with the ace and return a club to force out declarer's last trump and thus defeat the contract two tricks.

The best that South can do, after West ducks the king and jack of trumps, is to cash as many tricks as he can in either diamonds or hearts. Sooner or later West ruffs one of them with his six of trumps and the contract goes down one.

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ARIES

(Mar. 21 to Apr. 19)
If you'll save some time for work today, you'll be happy with the results. Watch a tendency to go overboard when partying later.

TAURUS

(Apr. 20 to May 20)
There may be unexpected but pleasant news from a distance. Travelers should be careful of diet. Evening offers fun-filled activities.

GEMINI

(May 21 to June 20)
Exercise programs are rewarding. Watch a tendency to overspend. Home-based activities favored. Accent moderation.

CANCER

(June 21 to July 22)
Be willing to experiment. Doing something new together will enhance a relationship. Joint activities pay off.

LEO

(July 23 to Aug. 22)
Family work projects succeed, but keep them so that everyone can get involved. Be conservative in money dealings.

VIRGO

(Aug. 23 to Sept. 22)
Unexpected visitors could light up your day. Definitely a time to do something different for fun. Weekend jaunts prove

stimulating.

LIBRA

(Sept. 23 to Oct. 22)
A busy day of domestic activity. Be on the lookout for an unusual purchase for the home. A time to complete unfinished tasks.

SCORPIO

(Oct. 23 to Nov. 21)
Follow through on the impulse to try something new. Some difficulty in communicating with others. Attend to social obligations later.

SAGITTARIUS

(Nov. 22 to Dec. 21)
Expenses could mount up now. Be astute in financial dealings. Bargains in unexpected places. Useful business information in the p.m.

CAPRICORN

(Dec. 22 to Jan. 19)
New friends are to your liking, but you are a bit moody now. Less self-preoccupation will ease your way. Be gracious.

AQUARIUS

(Jan. 20 to Feb. 18)
Ingenuity favored in career dealings. You may want to spend time with yourself instead of socializing. Improved concentration should be yours.

PISCES

(Feb. 19 to Mar. 20)
Social life is busy, with both ups and downs. Distant interests are favored. Old friends may be your best bet.

Crossword

by THOMAS JOSEPH

ACROSS

1 Sellers in Sassari

6 Window framework

10 Narrow valley

11 European capital

12 Adam's legacy

14 Nipper vessel

15 Pentagon agency (abbr.)

16 Dutch city

17 Word with teen or golden

19 Put to no good use

21 Musical quality

22 Insect

23 Make an appearance

25 Sum up

29 Energy source

31 Writer

32 Ravel composition

35 Peter at the piano

36 Pugnistic name

37 Knight's drink

39 High place

40 Infant

43 Incessant

44 Peaceful



Yesterday's Answer

18 Della of song

20 Dutch painter

24 Part of R.F.D.

26 Butcher's knife

27 Sky carrier

28 "Are shifts funny"

30 Mind you!

32 Large amounts

33 Oyl

34 Liquid measure

38 Happy place

41 Song

42 Memorable time

DAILY CRYPTOQUOTE — Here's how to work it:

AXYDLBAAXR

is LONGFELLOW

One letter simply stands for another. In this sample A is used for the three L's, X for the two O's, etc. Single letters, apostrophes, the length and formation of the words are all hints. Each day the code letters are different.

CRYPTOQUOTES

LYZ LESAVRZ KMLY LYZ WALAEZ

MX LYDL ML AXADRI DEEMBZX

VZWSEZ KZ'EZ EZDQI WSE

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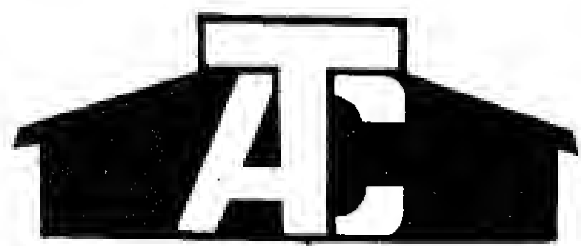
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President vows cooperation

Senate to probe Billy Carter deal

WASHINGTON, July 25 (AP) — U.S. President Jimmy Carter is promising full White House cooperation, perhaps even his own testimony if necessary, in the special Senate investigation of his brother Billy's Libyan connections. Presidential press secretary Jody Powell said Thursday that Carter did not expect to invoke executive privilege for either himself or his aides to keep them from testifying or providing information. He will instruct his staff to cooperate fully, Powell said.

The U.S. Senate Judiciary Committee was meeting Friday to discuss details of the probe by a nine-member panel — five Democrats and four Republicans — into the Billy Carter-Libyan ties and whether the White House influenced a U.S. Justice Department investigation of the president's younger brother. Hearings are expected to start next week, and the committee is under orders to produce a report a month before the Nov. 4 election.

Sen. Birch Bayh (D-Ind.) chairman of the special panel, vowed to "pursue the truth wherever it may lead and let the chips fall where they may."

"We plan to investigate ... anything that (Billy) Carter may have done while representing a foreign nation that may have had impact on the policy of this country," Bayh said. "We plan to investigate the propriety or lack thereof and what the governmental response has been to that undertaking." He called on White House aides and Billy Carter to testify voluntarily, rather than under subpoena.

U.S. Attorney General Benjamin Civiletti told reporters Thursday that the Justice Department did not tell the White House about its investigation of the president's brother and that its decision was made without high-level influence.

Presidential Press Secretary Powell confirmed a *Washington Post* report that President Carter met last Dec. 6 with the Libyan

charge d'affaires to express his displeasure over the burning of the U.S. Embassy in Tripoli. Powell said he believed that session was unrelated to the Nov. 27 meeting between the Libyan official, Ali Houderi, and Billy Carter. There was no indication that Billy helped arrange the president's meeting.

Powell also disclosed that Brzezinski and Houderi met again on Dec. 12 over the hostage situation.

Bayh said he hoped it "would not be necessary" to call the president as a witness, but Powell would not rule out the possibility of testimony by Carter or his wife, Rosalynn. Powell said the president would "respond fully ... in accordance with mutually acceptable procedures consistent with the responsibilities and time constraints of his office."

Former President Gerald R. Ford, who appeared before a House Judiciary subcommittee in 1974 to discuss his pardon of former President Richard M. Nixon, is the only president to testify publicly before a Congressional committee.

Presidential counsel Lloyd Cutler told the Public Broadcasting System that it has not been decided whether Carter, if asked, would testify before the special Senate committee, answer written questions or convene a meeting at the White House. Like other presidential aides, Cutler took pains to discourage any comparison with Watergate, saying he was "confident nothing remotely resembling the obstruction of justice of the Watergate period could have happened."

Billy Carter registered under protest last week as a foreign agent for Libya's government to avoid a full grand jury investigation. He has acknowledged receiving from Libya \$220,000 in installments on what he was described as a \$500,000 loan.

Both the White House and the Justice Department insist there was no collaboration during the department's investigation of Billy.



WELCOME HOME: Freed hostage Richard Queen (right) acknowledges the tumultuous welcome he received on appearing before staffers at the State Department in Washington. With Queen is Secretary of State Edmund Muskie.

Iran executes servicemen

20 killed for coup attempt

TEHRAN, July 25 (R) — Twenty Iranian servicemen were shot by firing squad Friday on charges of involvement in an attempted coup aimed at toppling the nation's Islamic revolutionary government.

Five servicemen, including a retired air force general, were executed on Sunday. According to press and other reports more than 300 alleged conspirators, mostly military personnel, have been arrested since the plot was disclosed two weeks ago by President Abolhasan Bani-Sadr.

Revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini has demanded the death penalty for all the plotters, charged with planning to bomb his home and other targets as part of a scheme to bring the deposed Shah's last prime minister, Shahpour Bakhtair.

Those executed Friday at Tehran's Evin Prison were air force or army personnel, including four pilots with the rank of captain, a lieutenant pilot and a number of warrant officers.

An Air base at Hamedan, western Iran, had been intended to serve as the operation headquarters for the coup.

The 20 condemned servicemen were among at least 30 people executed during the night for offenses including drug dealing,

adultery and armed robbery. Among them was a former member of the Marxist-Islamic Mujahidin Khalq Movement, Taghi Shahram, convicted of killing three people in 1975 during an ideological dispute within his organization.

Meanwhile, there was still no sign that president Bani Sadr was ready to disclose his nominee for the prime minister, as he had promised earlier this week. Speculation on a candidate, who must be confirmed by the Majlis (parliament), has focused most recently on deputy interior minister Mostafa Mir-Salim, who is also head of the police.

He held a meeting Thursday with Khomeini, adding to the speculation, though some observers said Mir-Salim might have been reporting on bomb explosions which ripped through a busy area of central Tehran in the day, killing six people and wounding about 100.

In another development, two television reporters, from Denmark and Turkey, who were detained for questioning on Monday by the revolutionary council committee, were reported by a Danish diplomat to have been transferred to Evin Prison, according to information he had received from the foreign ministry.

Khomeini supporter charged in Iranian exile slaying

ROCKVILLE, Maryland July 25 (AP) — An American Black Muslim supporter of the regime of Iranian revolutionary leader Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini is being sought on a murder charge in the slaying of a prominent Iranian exile who opposed the Khomeini government.

Charges were filed in federal court against three men Wednesday, including David Belfield, won of nearby Washington, Belfield, also known as Dayoud Salahuddin, is wanted for first-degree murder and conspiracy. Also charged in connection with the death of Ali Akbar Tabatabai was Tyrone Anthony Frazier, a U.S. postal service worker who had originally told police he was captured at gunpoint by three men who then took his postal jeep for use in the plot.

Tabatabai, the former Iranian press counselor in Washington during the reign of the now-deposed Shah of Iran, was shot and killed Tuesday afternoon at his home in the Washington suburb of Bethesda, Maryland. Police say Tabatabai was killed by a gunman who was dressed as a postal service worker when he opened the door to receive what he thought was a special delivery package. Frazier, charged with being an accessory before the fact, changed his story during questioning by police Tuesday night, authorities said. Police said Frazier named two accomplices, including Salahuddin and Horace Butler, a carpenter from Avondale, Maryland. Butler was arrested Wednesday on a charge of conspiracy to violate Tabatabai's civil rights.

Officials have refused to speculate publicly about any connection between the slaying

and the Khomeini regime. But according to court records, a telephone number at the Iranian interests section of the Algerian Consulate in Washington is involved in the case. Officials at the consulate declined comment.

Iran currently has no official diplomatic mission in Washington. President Jimmy Carter ordered the embassy closed in April and its members expelled in retaliation for the seizure in Tehran by Iranian militants of 53 American hostages.

In documents filed to support the arrest warrant for Belfield and Butler FBI agent Jerome Buxny said a telephone number given Frazier by Belfield, for use in an emergency, was the number of the Iranian interests section at the consulate. Buxny called the section "a known cover for Iranian interests in America."

At a news conference Wednesday, police said Frazier, who like the two other men in the case is a Muslim, agreed to give Salahuddin access to his mail truck for \$500, including \$200 in advance and \$300 after Salahuddin was finished. Frazier was assured nothing would go wrong but was given the consulate number by Salahuddin in case problems arose, police said.

Salahuddin took the truck, and Frazier and Butler spent four hours driving around in Baltimore before it was returned, police said. Police said Frazier then left it on a nearby street and called postal officials to report the theft and his alleged kidnapping.

Salahuddin's last known address was the Islamic House, a Washington gathering place for Islamic students of different nationalities. The chief decoration of the building is a large poster of Khomeini.

Actor Sellers dead at 54

LONDON, July 25 (AFP) — British actor-comedian Peter Sellers, internationally known for his portrait of a humbling French police inspector in the Pink Panther film series, died in a Middlesex hospital early Friday, a hospital spokesman said.

Sellers was 54. He had been admitted to hospital Tuesday after suffering his fourth heart attack. His fourth wife, actress Lynne Frederick, flew from Los Angeles to be with her husband.

Born into a stage family in September, 1925, Sellers moved frequently in his youth. In 1947, Sellers was "discovered" by a producer for the British Broadcasting Corp. while playing at the Windmill Theatre, a London music hall. He began making a name for himself in Britain with a nine-year stint on the popular radio comedy programme, "The Goon Show," and then worked on a series of television shows including "I'm a Fool."

In 1955, Sellers broke into movies with the much-heralded *The Ladykillers*. I'm All

Right Jack, made in 1958, marked the start of his international film career.

He made his first Pink Panther movie in 1964, introducing the character of the bungling Inspector Clouseau, who always managed to solve his cases while wreaking havoc all around him. Sellers was working in Switzerland on the script for the next pink panther film shortly before he had fatal heart attack.

Sellers' humor sometimes had a biting political bent, as exemplified by the film "Dr. Strangelove or how I learned to stop worrying and love the bomb." Made in 1963, shortly after the Cuban missile crisis, the movie pointed out the dangers of nuclear weapons by showing how one paranoid U.S. officer commandeered a base and ordered a nuclear attack on the Soviet Union. The film quickly was heralded as a classic of the Cold War Era.

The last released Sellers film was *Being There*, which won an Oscar this year and was widely acclaimed by critics at the 1980 Cannes International Film Festival.

Tension high as Afghans plan protest

NEW DELHI, July 25 (Agencies) — Afghan rebels have called on traders and shopkeepers to remain closed on Saturday and Sunday in what appeared to be the beginning of a new wave of protest against the Russian presence, a Western traveller arriving here from the Afghan capital disclosed.

The traveller said tension in the city was the highest since after the initial withdrawal of troops in early May, has suddenly become more apparent with more Soviet tanks and soldiers seen in the streets and near official buildings.

The traveller, who did not want to be identified, said there were reports of continuous feuding between the Khalq and Parcham factions in the government with rumors of the killing, wounding or arrest of various ministers and high government officials.

Among them were Minister for Education Dr. Anahita Ratebzad, Interior Minister Sayed Muhammad Gulabzoi and their deputies.

Meanwhile the Soviet-installed Afghan government has announced plans to strengthen its army "to face the increasing danger" to the country. Anti-communist Muslim rebels, meanwhile, have claimed to kill nearly 1,000 Soviet and Afghan troops in recent fighting.

The rebels' claim was released in a statement by the Islamic alliance for the liberation of Afghanistan issued at Peshawar, 100 miles west of Islamabad. It could not be independently confirmed and observers said it appeared exaggerated.

The series of killings has hit senior and middle-ranking Afghan government officials since the Moscow Olympics began on Saturday. The chairman of the state-owned international airline, Ariana Afghan Airlines, a Colonel Nader, was assassinated on Saturday evening in his home. And the deputy director of the Education Ministry, Muhammad Wafi Yousufi was killed on Monday.

Yesterday three headless bodies were found in the residential areas in downtown Kabul, and the victims were identified as middle-ranking officials of the Education Ministry. Rebel sources here have claimed responsibility for the killings, but strangely the state-owned newspaper, *New Kabul Times*, has ignored news about the killings.

Schools and colleges in Kabul, which were due to reopen on Wednesday after the summer vacation, were ordered closed against for another 21 days. A government announcement on the extension of the vacation gave no reason for the measure, according to the traveller.

She said the number of Russian helicopter gunships and MiG fighters flying over Kabul had also increased during the past week.

The traveller said travel outside Kabul was risky due to increased rebel activity in the surrounding hills and valleys. In Kabul also infiltration by rebels had stepped up during the last month.

Cambodians kept from returning

ARANYAPRATHET, Thailand, July 25 (AP) — Thai troops at the border Friday prevented an estimated 2,000 Cambodians from entering Thailand following a continuing Vietnamese army offensive in western Cambodia. Thai military sources at this border town said.

The military officers said the Cambodians, some of them armed, fled to the Thai border at Ban Pan Suet, about 20 kms. south of Aranyaprathet. The officers said the Cambodians are guerrillas loyal to toppled premier Pol Pot, who attempted to flee into Thailand after one of their strongholds near the Thai frontier fell to the Vietnamese on Thursday. The military said Thai planes and troops were sent to reinforce the area in the event of possible spillover from the fighting.

Aranyaprathet officers said the Vietnamese, backed by tanks and artillery, took control of the Pol Pot stronghold at the Malai Hill after a month-long effort, forcing the guerrillas to retreat several kilometers to the south to another hilly frontier area.

Good Morning

By Jihad Khazen

I wrote, a few columns back, about some not too pleasant experiences in air travel, inviting those who stay at homes to count their blessings. A short while afterwards, a reader (wouldn't you know it) saw fit to gild the lily, sending in a few observations of his own. I thought these pertinent enough to merit — ahem — airing.

The trouble with air travel even at its most uneventful, he said, is that companies seem always to be bracing themselves for the worst. They spend millions on making people feel safe in the air, yet they undo everything the moment you set your foot inside an aircraft.

The charming young ladies usually officiating on such occasions bid you a civil time of the day then hand you the safety jacket (in the event of ending up in the drink), showing you how to work it and advising you to keep it handy at all times. No sooner have you recovered your breath and banished dark thoughts from your mind than they come around again, lugging oxygen breathing equipment (in case a window blows up — and why should it unless they think that a madman with a bomb is on the loose.) Again they go into complicated demonstrations while you wonder whether it is all worth it, and would they refund the money if you demand to be let out.

But before you make up your mind they notice that your safety belt isn't on and rush to you and strap you securely in. Then they tell you to keep it fastened, and never mind why. (Aha, you think, storms on the way...)

European travellers, the reader also wrote, usually drink themselves into total oblivion — snoozing the journey away under the influence. Good Muslims have no choice but sit up and take it; strapped into their seats, holding on to their safety jackets, fingering the oxygen equipment, wondering if they will ever see their homes and loved ones again.

Then, he says, there is the strange location of these same demure air hostesses. They keep calling the last stop, THE FINAL DESTINATION. They keep repeating this all through the journey, reminding everyone of the transience of everything human. Thus: We'll be at the FINAL DESTINATION in three hours. One hour to the FINAL DESTINATION. Then as the plane swoops down: THIS IS THE FINAL DESTINATION... Translated from *Ashraf Al-Awsal*

Basque-area bomb blast kills youths

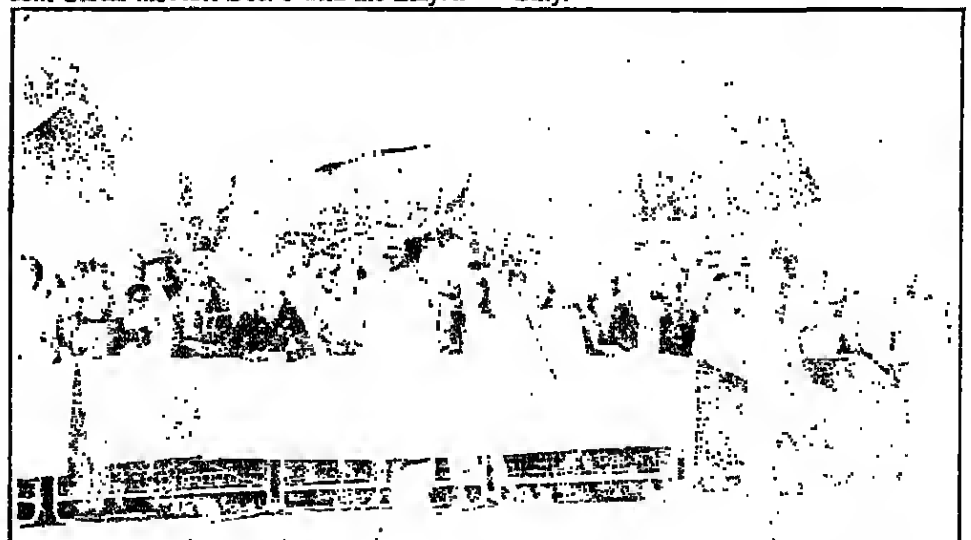
BILBAO, Spain, July 25 (R) — A nine-months pregnant gypsy teenager and her 12-year-old brother were killed Thursday night when a time-bomb exploded in the Northern Basque city of Bilbao.

The two-kilo bomb went off outside a children's nursery owned by a radical Basque nationalist town councillor and seriously injured a refuse collector. Police said they believed it had been planted in rubbish bags. The blast came several hours after telephone callers claiming to speak for Basque nationalists told newspapers a bombing campaign would be renewed Friday in Spanish holiday resorts.

Police said it was too early to establish whether the nursery closed for the night had been the target of the Bilbao attack. Nobody immediately claimed responsibility. The blast, which killed 17-year-old Maria Contreras Gabarra, her unborn child and her brother Antonio, took the death toll in political violence in the Basque region to almost 70 this year.

The Basque separatist guerrilla group ETA has claimed responsibility for most of the killings. Ultra-rightists opposed to Basque nationalism have been responsible for most of the rest. Two telephone callers claiming to represent ETA threatened renewed bombings in Spanish holiday resorts as part of a campaign to free 19 Basque prisoners and force the sacking of a prison governor.

A first caller said ETA's political-military wing, which exploded six bombs in resorts last month, would set off a series of blasts in the Canary Island of Gran Canaria.



(AP photo)

BATTLE HEATS: For a while, only conservationists like those pictured above, were mounting any serious campaign in the whaling controversy. But recently the world's remaining whaling nations have mounted a counter-attack to try to save their shrinking industry.

Led by Japan, the world's largest consumer of whale meat, the whaling interests have responded by hiring their own lobbyists and launching a propaganda counter-offensive. They have also organized to block attempts by other nations, including the United States, to impose a world-wide moratorium on commercial whaling.

But that will only intensify the battle, with activists like those under the inflatable "mock" whale in Brighton as the International Whaling Commission conference goes on, also expect to intensify their efforts.

Police wounded in U.S. race clashes

CHATTANOOGA, Tennessee, July 25 (AFP) — Eight police officers were injured, seven by gunshots, Thursday night during the third consecutive night of racially-motivated rioting, police said Friday morning.

Gunfire exchanges began at 10:45 p.m. local time in the black Alton Park section of the town near Tennessee's southern border.

Pryor leaves hospital

LOS ANGELES, July 25 (AP) — Comedian Richard Pryor, who was given a one-in-three chance of survival after a freak accident melted his polyester shirt over his body last month, walked unassisted from a hospital and said: "I feel like God has given me a second chance at life."

There was no visible sign that he had undergone three skin graft operations in the six weeks since police found him badly burned and running down the streets of a Los Angeles neighborhood. He had suffered third-degree burns over the upper half of his body.

The shootings came on the first night of a citywide curfew ordered in an effort to clamp down on racial unrest in the streets.

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